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RIYADH, April 26 (SPA) — King Khaled Sunday received the 19th annual report of the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency presented by SAMA's governor Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al Qurashi. Second Deputy Premier and commander of the National Guard, Prince Abdullah, Sheikh Muhammad Aba-Al Khaib, minister of finance and national economy, and high-ranking officials witnessed the presentation of the SAMA's special report to the King.

The annual SAMA report disclosed that over the ten-year period, the Kingdom's real growth domestic product (GDP) had nearly trebled with a remarkable feat of Saudi economy that also showed a rise of nearly three-and-a-half times for non-oil GDP.

The epoch-making decade in the country's economic history, the report said has benefited all sectors of the economy and all sections of the population.

The report revealed that the Kingdom's development plan (1395-1400) came to a successful conclusion in Jumad Thani 1400 (May, 1980). The report said the non-oil GDP rose at the rate of 10.7 per cent during the first plan period. During the second plan period the economy registered a rate of growth of 15.7 per cent per annum. The average for the decade in the rate of growth was 13.2 per cent, the report said.

The report emphasized the Kingdom's determination to fight the local inflationary pressures. It said the Kingdom through some fiscal restraints has successfully controlled inflation. It said the actual government expenditures rose from SR 5.0 billion to SR 188.4 billion, a growth of 44 per cent per annum which accelerated development

Remarkable growth recorded

in all sectors of the economy.

The report highlighted the efforts of the Saudi Arabian Monetary Fund, the Saudi Commercial and National Banks, Industrial and real estates, and development funds in boosting the national economy.

The report reviewed in detail achievements of the Kingdom in the fields of transport communications, agriculture, water resources, commerce industry electricity, education health and banking.

It also hailed King Khaled's government's development plans to bring prosperity and welfare to the people in keeping with their long-cherished aspirations.

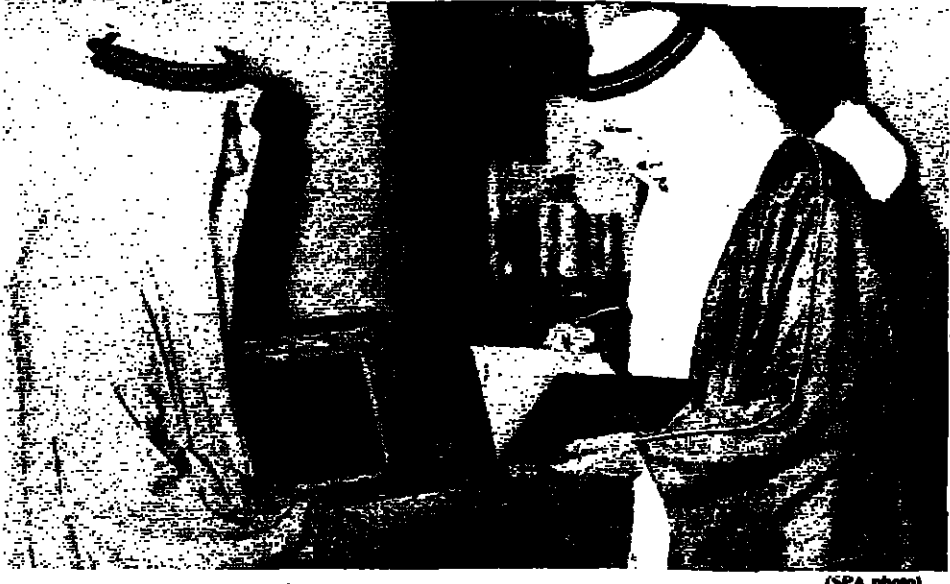
Following is the full text of the report:

Growth of GDP

The non-oil real GDP rose at the rate of 10.7 per cent during the first plan period. During the second plan the economy performed even better with real GDP registered a rate of growth of 15.7 per cent per annum. The average for the decade was thus 13.2 per cent per annum. Real non-oil GDP rose nearly three-and-a-half times, a remarkable feat for an economy which was thought to have low absorptive capacity in view of its inadequate infrastructure and frustrating bottlenecks.

The non-oil private sector real GDP rose at an annual rate of 9.6 per cent and 15.8 per cent during the first two plans. During the first plan period the public sector GDP rose at a rate substantially higher than that of the private sector, but in the second plan

King given SAMA report



SAMA REPORT: King Khaled Sunday receives the 19th annual report of the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency from SAMA's Governor Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al Qurashi in Riyadh.

period the private sector outstripped the public sector. The active participation and robust growth of the private sector in the country is in keeping with the country's ideological orientation and the government's firm commitment to build the economy with the collaboration of the private sector.

Government Spending and Control of Inflation

Actual government expenditures rose from SR 5.0 billion to SR 188.4 billion, a growth of 44 per cent per annum. This rise in government spending financed accelerated development in all sectors of the economy and helped change the face of Saudi Arabia beyond recognition.

However, it also generated inflationary pressures, which, thanks to the fiscal restraint adopted by the government in the last three years of the second plan, the removal of supply bottlenecks, and the resources to subsidies on certain essential items, before the end of the Second Plan. It must be emphasized that not all of the inflation in Saudi Arabia was domestically generated but a substantial part of it was imported.

The fight against inflation having been won encouraged the government to boost expenditures in 1400/01 to SR 245 billion, an increase of 30 per cent over the actual of 188 billion in the previous year. This was a cautious beginning for the Third Plan period during which the government is determined not to allow the inflationary pressures to rise again. Hence imported inflation is expected to be the main source of inflation during the Third Plan period.

Money and Banking

The money and banking sector has not only kept pace with, but also provided lead to developments in the rest of the economy.

The country's monetary system, which had been undergoing a transformation since SAMA's establishment in 1952, crossed some important landmarks.

A major policy development has been the Saudization of foreign banks to achieve Saudi majority participation. So far seven of the 10 foreign banks have been Saudized, thus raising the number of Saudi banks to nine, including the National Commercial Bank and the Riyadh Bank which were originally established as Saudi banks.

The Saudization of foreign banks has increased healthy competition among banks and led to an improvement in the range and quality of services offered by them. The number of branches of commercial banks has risen from 59 at the beginning of the First Plan to 215 at the end of 1400. In addition, the number of seasonal offices has also risen over the years and stood at 28 during the 1400 pilgrimage season.

Commercial bank credit to the private sector has risen from SR 1,614 million to SR 29,240 million over the decade at the annual rate of 33.5 per cent. When the growth of liquidity declared near the end of Second Plan SAMA intervened by bringing into action the weapon of statutory reserve requirements. These were lowered from 15 per cent against all deposits to 2 per cent against time deposits and 12 per cent against demand deposits, with effect from 1st Rajab 1399 (May, 27, 1979). The reserve requirement against demand deposits was further reduced to 7 per cent with effect from end Rabi 1, 1400 (Feb. 16, 1980).

This released substantial funds from (Continued on back page)

Afghan 'copter defects

By Shahid Orakzai
Arab News Correspondent

QUETTA, Pakistan, April 26 — A Soviet built Mi-8 transport helicopter of the Afghan army made a surprise landing at the Quetta airport Sunday with its three member Afghan crew (2 pilots) requesting for political asylum, official sources confirmed.

The defection came a day before the third anniversary of the Marxist Afghan revolution which is planned to be celebrated under heavy security arrangements at Kabul and other major cities. Earlier this month an Afghan T-54 tank rumbled through the Chaman border, some 150 kms north west of here. Its lone driver seeking asylum.

Informed sources told Arab News that the 24-seater copter flew very low through the Pishin border and was able to avoid Pakistani radar until it touched down at this civil airport. The 3-man crew was quickly moved to an army mess and their ranks were not disclosed. But an eyewitness told Arab News that the pilot looked fatigued, perhaps due to the long low flying over a mountainous region. It was not immediately known from where the Afghan pilots began their journey to freedom but Mujahideen sources said the defection may have been connected with the mutiny at Kandahar in southern Afghanistan.

Mujahideen sources said that the governor of Kandahar, had now moved his office to the newly built cantonment after last week's heavy fighting which demolished some portions of the governor's residence and some offices of provincial administration.

Meanwhile the administration of Babrak Karmal had launched a campaign in the troubled city and the citizens were being issued with identity forms bearing pictures or thumb impressions in case of women. The security rive followed last week's mutiny in which about 1000 Afghan ranks fought loyal troops or many days till a Soviet division could drive from Kabul.

The Soviet forces had reportedly spread out along the border with Pakistani Baluchistan to check defection by mutineers. Meanwhile about 7000 Afghan families, including Hindus crossed over to Pakistan in North West Frontier Province.

Boycott in some areas

66% Frenchmen vote

PARIS, April 26 (Agencies) — French voters Sunday appeared to have disappointed official predictions by abstaining in unexpectedly large numbers from voting in the first round of the country's presidential elections.

In a computer count issued just after polling stations closed across most of France at 6 p.m. (1600 GMT), the state-run Second Television Channel said only 66.15 per cent of the electorate had voted by 5 p.m.

This contrasts with 71 per cent at the same time in the first round of the last presidential contest in 1974, won by Valery Giscard d'Estaing, who is now seeking a second term.

According to an Agence France-Presse commuter projection Giscard and Mitterrand were Sunday headed for a second-round battle in the French presidential contest after leading eight other candidates in a first-round vote.

The point spread, according to the AFP projection based on 20 voting districts, gave Giscard between 27 and 32 per cent of the vote, Mitterrand 24-28 per cent, Jacques Chirac 15-18 per cent and Georges Marchais 14-18 per cent.

There was no immediate explanation for the lower percentage turn-out although weather was unexpectedly bad across the country with snowstorms in the southeast and rain elsewhere.

But in the last days of the campaign, in which 10 candidates ranging from Giscard d'Estaing and his Socialist opponent Francois Mitterrand to a Trotskyist and an ecologist, took part, French political commentators said it had failed to inspire the votes.

In eastern France, where the weather was better, voting by midday was about equal to that of 1974. Most of the 10 candidates had voted by midday. President Giscard d'Estaing with his wife voted in his home town of Chalonan in central France. He was to return to Paris later in the day.

Socialist leader Francois Mitterrand took advantage of a brief break in the day's rainstorms to dash into a voting office here and cast a ballot for himself. Mitterrand, accompanied by his wife and other relatives, was the last of the 10 presidential candidates to vote. And he voted twice: Once on his own behalf — he picked up only the ballot paper bearing his name — and another by proxy for a hospitalized constituent.

Gaullist leader Jacques Chirac voted in his field in the center of France, while Communist leader Georges Marchais voted in his constituency east of Paris.

In dogfight

2 Israeli jets downed

DAMASCUS, April 26 (Agencies) Two Israeli planes were shot down Sunday in a dogfight with Syrian aircraft over southern Lebanon, a military spokesman reported here.

The spokesman said that the air battle broke out at 3:45 p.m. (1345 GMT) when the Israeli planes "attacked Palestinian camps in the Damour and Saïda (Sidon) region" south of Beirut. According to the spokesman, one of the Israeli planes fell into the sea, while the second crashed in Israeli-occupied territory.

"One of our planes was hit, but the others returned safely to their bases," the spokesman said. He did not indicate how many Syrian aircraft were involved in the dogfight. Israeli and Syrian planes last clashed on Feb. 13. In that fight a Syrian plane was shot down.

Meanwhile, reports reaching Beirut said Israeli aircraft inflicted heavy casualties during a mass attack on the Lebanese coastal city of Sidon, just as Syrian forces reportedly succeeded in occupying the Christian-controlled strategic slopes of Mount Sannin in central Lebanon.

At least 20 persons were killed or wounded in the air raid, the first reports from Sidon indicated. The Israeli attack began at about 4 p.m. (1400 GMT). Reports said the attacks were being directed at residential areas in the southern part of the city, which is 40 kms south of Beirut.

Palestinian sources said that in addition to impact bombs, the Israeli planes dropped time bombs which blew up after the raid on areas about five kms from central Sidon. The raiders dropped thermal balloons to divert counter attacks by surface-to-air missiles, the sources said. Eyewitnesses in Jezzin, east of Sidon, said an Israeli plane was seen crashing into Mount Niba. Lebanese security forces set out to locate the aircraft and establish its identity.

In Sidon, several fires broke out, an old man's home was reported hit and several houses were badly damaged. Shops closed and city streets were soon deserted. One ship in Sidon harbor pulled out to sea. Witnesses said Israeli planes continued flying over Sidon after the raid, drawing heavy ground fire.

After the Israeli raid on Sidon, the government hospital there confirmed that the raid was a heavy one, adding that it was still not possible to conduct rescue work without danger. The reports said the Israeli planes had made at least eight sweeps over the city, aiming at southern districts at a time when people were in the streets enjoying the sunshine. Anti-aircraft weapons of the Palestinian-nationalist Lebanese joint forces went into action against the aircraft, the reports said. Israeli aircraft also made three sweeps Sunday over Beirut, provoking anti-aircraft fire.

The state-run Beirut Radio said it was one of the heaviest Israeli air raids on Lebanon for a long time. Ten days ago, 12 persons were reported killed or wounded when the Israelis attacked the port of Tyre, south of Sidon. Four days later their planes struck at the Palestinian stronghold of Beaufort Castle

Israel said to possess 27 H-bombs

NEW YORK, April 26 (AFP) — Israel now has about 27 Hiroshima-type nuclear bombs, Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali told the ABC American television network for a program broadcast here Saturday. Also interviewed for the show was former Israeli Defense Minister Shimon Peres, who recalled that Israel had promised the then U.S. President John Kennedy in 1963 that it "will never introduce nuclear weapons to the Middle East."

But ABC called Peres' statement "ambiguous" and cited a 1974 report by the Central Intelligence Agency concluding that "we believe that Israel already has produced nuclear weapons."

Shahi allays India fears

MADRAS, India, April 26 (AP) — Pakistani Foreign Minister Agha Shahi was quoted Sunday as saying that U.S. plans to rearm his country have produced "unfounded apprehensions" in neighboring India. He asserted that Pakistan "will never commit aggression against India."

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Israel condemned

Kuwait, Russia oppose bases

KUWAIT, April 26 (Agencies) — Kuwait and the Soviet Union called Sunday for keeping the Gulf region free from foreign military bases and interventions, reaffirmed rejection of the American-sponsored Camp David agreements, called for a peaceful negotiated settlement of the Iraqi-Iranian war and condemned Israel's aggressive actions against Arab states.

A joint communique issued following a 3-day visit to Moscow by Kuwait's Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah said that the two sides exchanged in detail views on the situation in the Gulf and that the discussions showed the proximity of the two sides' views on ways to ensure peace and security in the area.

"The two sides declared their support for the right of the Gulf states to ensure the security of the region themselves without outside interference and to freely manage their natural resources," the communique said. "They also expressed their rejection of the creation of foreign military bases in the area, deployment of nuclear weapons there, and all forms of external interference in the internal affairs of the states situated there."

The Soviet Union and Kuwait expressed serious concern over the continuing armed conflict between Iraq and Iran and called for an early settlement of the conflict by peaceful means, through negotiations.

"The two sides stated that they are opposed to the Camp David agreements and hold that those agreements make it difficult to achieve a just peace in the Middle East." The communique did not mention the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, which has been condemned in the Arab world. Informed sources said the Kuwaiti Foreign Minister criticized the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan during his talks with Soviet officials. The minister told his Soviet hosts that "the Afghan people should be left to solve their problems by themselves." It was not known how Soviet officials responded to the Sheikh Sabah's comments.

The Soviet Union and Kuwait called for an international conference to be held on the Middle East. The communique said Sheikh Sabah and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko were in favor of calling such a conference.

The communique condemned Israel's "aggressive actions" against Arab countries and declared invalid "all Israel's actions aimed at changing the status of Jerusalem. The Soviet and Kuwaiti sides reaffirmed their support for the PLO as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestine people. They condemned "aggression" and "interference" in Lebanon and said they favored "normalizing the situation in Lebanon on the basis of protecting its sovereignty, independence, (Continued on back page)

Schmidt arrives on three-day visit

BONN, April 26 (AFP) — West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt Monday begins a three-day official visit to Saudi Arabia he hopes will strengthen economic and political cooperation between the two countries.

Saudi Arabia is West Germany's biggest oil supplier providing 25 per cent of its needs, and West Germany's third biggest non-European customer, thus providing work for some 65,000 persons. Saudi Arabia is also West Germany's biggest creditor having lent nearly \$10,000 million.

According to sources here, West Germany has not yet decided on supplying arms to countries outside the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

However, it appears West Germany might review its restrictive sales policy. West Germany is also anxious to strengthen Saudi Arabia's position in the Gulf for security reasons, and does not want to trail behind the United States, France and Britain which have promised to supply arms to Riyadh.

After the visit, Schmidt will go to the United Arab Emirates which also supplies West Germany with oil, before returning to Bonn Thursday evening.

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Majed to mark end of Traffic Week

By Wahib Ghorab

JEDDAH, April 26 — Makkah Governor Prince Majed will attend Wednesday a special function marking the end of the traffic week organized here, according to Jeddah traffic department sources. The "week" was observed in various parts of the country and has been described as a success.

Speaking to *Arab News* Sunday, Maj. Ali Al Bar, director of traffic, said the aim of the campaign was "to educate the people in the rules and ethics" of traffic and not to penalize

errant drivers. The campaign revealed a number of offenses and the "negative behavior" of drivers who deliberately flout the rules. Other serious offenses included rash and reckless driving.

He said the department gave a chance to all those who did not have the proper papers to obtain them without fear of punishment or fines. Department services were available throughout the week assisted by 1,200 foot and 134 mobile patrols in addition to school and Boy Scouts.

"The week did not reduce traffic accidents except in the downtown areas," he said. "Accidents in the highways remained disturbing." Besides, the volume of traffic in the daytime was lower than at night because drivers without the proper papers tried to avoid getting caught in the day and preferred to drive at night.

The campaign included the distribution of booklets, press and television programs in which leading traffic officers took part to show the duties of drivers and pedestrians. They said that speeding was the main killer and cause of accidents on the country's roads.

In related developments, a grand festival was held by the Eastern Province Traffic Department in Dammam Saturday to mark the conclusion of this year's successful traffic

week in Saudi Arabia. The festival was held at the Sports Stadium.

Eastern Province Traffic Commander Col. Attallah Al-Salem opened the traffic exhibition in which a number of traffic signs were displayed. The various departments taking part in the traffic week in the province then marched past and were preceded by a military band. This was followed by a parade and a display of skill by constables on their motorcycles. Col. Salem then awarded incentive prizes to those who contributed to the campaign's success.

The various governorates in Saudi Arabia, public security branches, education directorates and offices of the Youth Welfare Organization as well as the Kingdom's universities, the National Guard and a number of ministries participated in the Traffic Week.

COMMENT

By Abdullah Omar Khayyat
Al-Jazirah

The official's absence from his seat is an eminent problem that visitors most frequently confront at government offices. I had to travel to Riyadh quite a few times in connection with a certain case at some office. Whenever I called at the office, I was surprised to notice that the official concerned was either absent that day or came and disappeared like a lump of salt in the water!

I am not the only one to complain, there are many who suffer from this tendency by the officials. The matter already has earned public resentment and engaged the attention of high officials who remain invariably anxious to see the public problems solved as speedily as possible.

Sometime ago, the newspapers had reported that Crown Prince Fahd had ordered all ministries and government departments to observe office hours meticulously with a view to ensuring con-

tinuity in work with a good measure of efficiency and satisfaction. The order had been issued on the basis of a report Interior Minister Prince Naif had submitted on the phenomenon of the official's absence from work. The report had indicated that the matter produced an adverse effect on the level of output, while the public interests suffered a great deal as a result of the stacking of cases and long delays in making decisions on them.

Such a serious concern had, in fact, become quite inevitable, since the neglect of duty had assumed such proportions that even the popular expression "come tomorrow" had lost its significance. It was replaced by long promises which sometimes stretched into a score of days, subjecting the visitors to the inconveniences of travel and its expenses.

The royal order had been issued to stamp out this phenomenon in the interest of citizens and all those who have to call at the ministries and government departments in connection with official matters.

BRIEFS

Nine killed in collision

JEDDAH, April 26 — Nine persons were killed in collision between two cars along the Kharj road near Riyadh Saturday. The two cars caught fire and engulfed the passengers in flames, according to *Al-Jazirah* newspaper Sunday.

Education conference set

RIYADH, April 26 (SPA) — Education Minister Dr. Abdul Aziz Al-Khawali will leave here Monday for Baghdad to attend the conference of Gulf education ministers which begins in Iraq the same day. The conference will discuss standardizing curricula and the final preparations for setting up a Gulf Arab university.

SAPTCO changes

MEDINA, April 26 (SPA) — SAPTCO buses will operate without conductors here beginning next Saturday. The company already operated conductorless services in Riyadh and Jeddah. Passengers have been advised to carry one-riyal notes to be dropped in the cash boxes as the drivers will not be expected to change bigger denomination notes.

Prince Talal to India

RIYADH, April 26 (SPA) — Prince Talal, honorary assistant secretary general for the U.N. and special envoy for UNICEF, left here Sunday for New Delhi on an official visit in connection with his work. He will talk with Indian leaders and visit UNICEF projects in the country.

New hospitals to be specialized

DAMMAM, April 26 (SPA) — Each of the five new hospitals to be established by the Health Ministry in Al-Khobar, Hofuf, Jeddah, Medina and Jizan will be specialized, Health Minister Dr. Hussein Jazzeri announced.

The ministry is at present testing specialized firms which will carry out the Riyadh health complex project at Al-Maathar, the minister said. The complex will hold 1,400 beds. It will consist of a public hospital, a children's hospital and psychiatric hospital.

Dr. Jazzeri also said that open-heart surgery will soon be performed at the Jeddah hospital, in addition to other advanced bones and joints operations. Delicate eye surgery will be performed at Hofuf Hospital.

Foremost among the projects provided

for in the ministry's new financial year budget is the establishment of a 500-bed hospital, maternity and children hospital in Dammam. Construction will start at the beginning of next year and will take three years, the minister said.

In Sanaa, North Yemen, a school and a medical center were opened by the Vice-President Abdul Aziz Abdul Ghani. The project which cost more than SR11 million was financed and built by Saudi Arabia as a gift to Yemen. Abdul Ghani said the facilities were part of the overall services provided to the country by the Saudi Arabian government.

In addition, King Faisal University teaching hospital was opened here Saturday by Dr. Jazzeri. It has 300 beds in six stories of which two are underground, and a complete range of services including intensive care units.

FROM THE GULF

DUBAI, April 26 (WAM) — Saeed Al Raqbani, the UAE minister of agriculture and fisheries and his accompanying delegation returned from Rome, Italy, earlier Saturday after attending meetings of the 15th Food and Agriculture Organization's (FAO) regional conference.

Raqbani, who was elected as the conference's chairman, in his speech at the inaugural session talked about the UAE's agricultural policy and its efforts to ensure food security in order to help promote the self-sufficiency of the national economy after the exhaustion of oil.

ABU DHABI, April 26 (WAM) — Saeed Al Ghobash, the UAE minister of planning Sunday received here his Tunisian counterpart Mansour Al-Muallil, and his accompanying delegation.

In a statement after the meeting, Ghobash said talks covered aspects of UAE-Tunisian cooperation in the fields of joint ventures and means of developing them.

Later the minister met with Ahmed Khalifa Al-Suwaidi, the president's representative during which they reviewed bilateral economic relations and means of enhancing them.

ABU DHABI, April 26 (WAM) — United Arab Emirates minister of education and youth, Saeed Salman leaves on Monday for Baghdad, Iraq, to start a tour of several days that will also take him to Jordan, Algeria, and Tunisia for talks with his opposite numbers in these countries to promote educational cooperation among these countries.

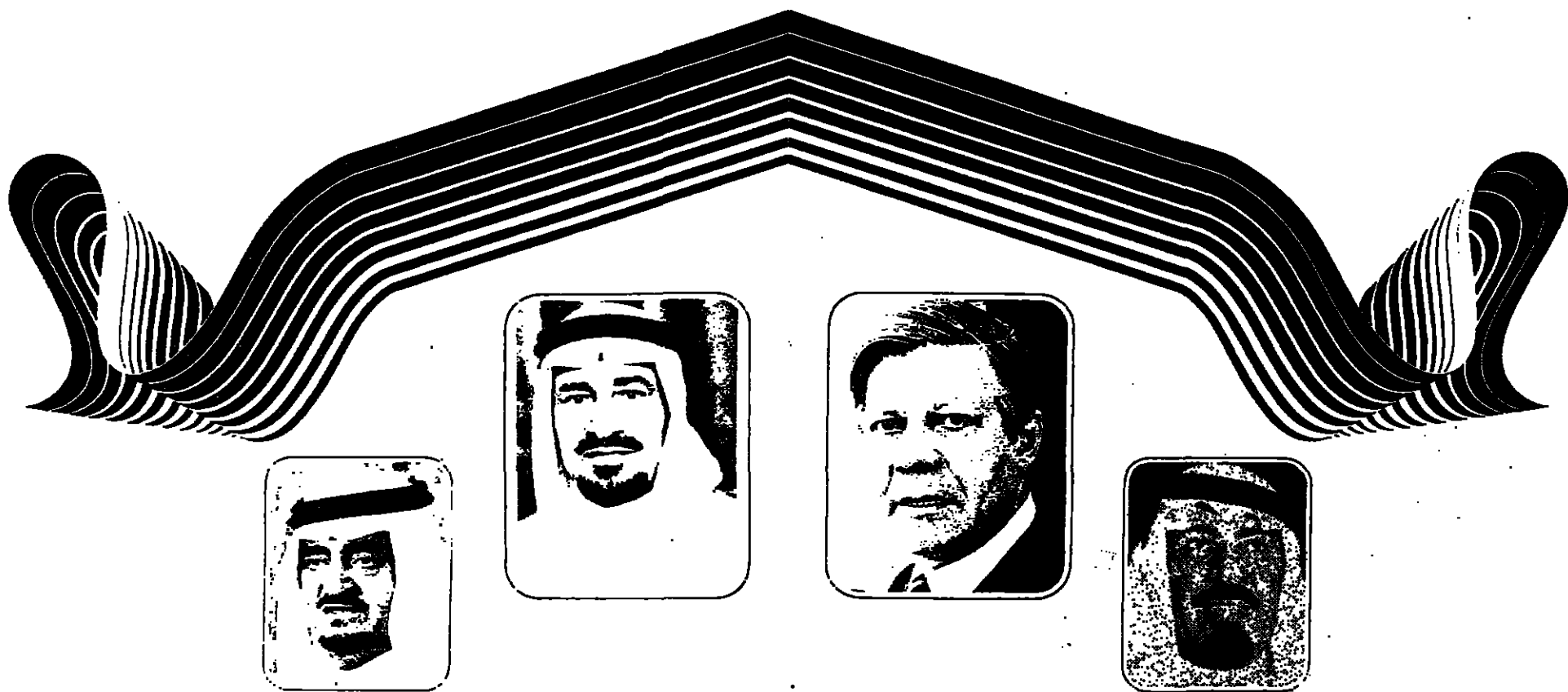
The minister will also attend meetings of sixth conference of Arab Gulf states education ministers due to be held in Baghdad on Tuesday.

RAS AL-KHAIMAH, April 26 (WAM) — Sheikh Saqr Bin Mohammed Al-Qassimi, one of the UAE seven-member Supreme Council and ruler of Ras Al Khaimah leaves for Salalah, Oman, on Tuesday on a three-day visit to the Sultanate of Oman at the invitation of Sultan Qaboos Bin Saeed.

Making an announcement to this effect, chief of the ruler's office, Sheikh Saeed Bin Saqr Al-Qassimi, said that the visit was aimed at strengthening brotherly relations between the Sultanate and the UAE.

Sheikh Saqr will be accompanied by Crown Prince Sheikh Khalid Bin Saqr, Minister of State for Supreme Council Affairs Abdul Aziz Bin Humaid Al-Qassimi, and planning minister Saeed Al-Ghobash.

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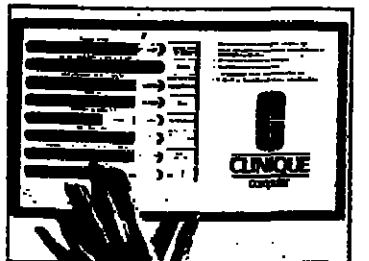
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Saudi lauds AWACS sale decision

RIYADH, April 26 (SPA) — Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal welcomed the Reagan administration's decision to sell the AWACS (Airborne Warning And Control System) planes to the Kingdom. He described the move as a "constructive act" which will contribute toward promoting relations between the two countries.

would destroy peace in the Middle East and "jeopardizes" Israel's future.

Begin urged the Israeli lobby in Washington to do their utmost to oppose the sale of the planes when the issue is presented to Congress. He added that Saudi Arabia has rejected the Camp David accords, refused to recognize Israel and make peace with the Zionist state as well as the Kingdom's heavy financial and moral support to the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Meanwhile, Interior Minister Prince Naif Sunday denounced the malicious campaign against the Kingdom in regard to arms deals. Despite the well known aim of these campaigns the Kingdom will go ahead in obtaining arms to strengthen its armed forces, he said.

Prince Naif added that Saudi Arabia is capable of obtaining a variety of arms that would promote its armed forces as reiterated by Crown Prince Fahd and Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan. He expressed optimism about the statements of U.S. officials confirming the sale of the planes and their accessories to the Kingdom.

The Kingdom has not officially requested to purchase German arms so far, according to officials of the Saudi Arabian embassy in Bonn. Yusuf Mutabakani, plenipotentiary minister at the embassy, told Al-Yam Sunday.

Ministry revokes trading license

RIYADH, April 26 — The Commerce Ministry has revoked the trading licenses of two merchants and the nationality of a third after deporting him on charges of fraudulent conduct in violation of the rules, Al-Riyadh reported Sunday.

Working in conjunction with the Interior Ministry, it revoked the licenses of Abdul Munim Al Zawawi and Safwan Al Zawawi and prohibited them from trading again because they were found to have permitted foreigners to trade under false pretenses. Salahuddin Maath, of Lebanese origin, was deported and his Saudi Arabian nationality withdrawn. He was blacklisted and will not be able to enter the country again, the ministry said in the newspaper report.

that there was no official opposition to supply arms to Saudi Arabia. Even the opposition parties support the issue collectively, he said.

Mutabakani added that the Kingdom is first place among West Germany's friends, because it is the largest oil exporter to Germany and its sound political and oil policy.

This policy had earned the Kingdom great respect in West Germany, he added.

Meanwhile, West German Finance Minister Hans Matthofer said Sunday that his country would find it difficult to refuse the sale of the German Leopard tanks if Saudi Arabia requested them. He said the Kingdom is an important and ideal partner for West Germany.

Germany respects the notable cooperation that governs its relations with the Kingdom, Matthofer said in an interview with Al-Madina. He hailed Saudi Arabia's role in easing international economic problems.

Regarding another subject, Prince Naif called on Iraq and Iran to stop the bloodshed between them and respond to the efforts of the Islamic Goodwill Mission which was formed by the third Islamic summit of Taif in January. Asked about the impact of the war on the Gulf security, the interior minister said that security prevailed in the Kingdom and said that he hoped the same for the other Gulf states. However, he added that the continuity of the war does not please any Muslim.

Ahmad meets UAE officials

ABU DHABI, April 26 (SPA) — Deputy Interior Minister Prince Ahmad denied Sunday that his visit to the UAE is part of the security coordination among member states of the Gulf Cooperation Council. He said it is too early for any work in the context of the Gulf Council.

Prince Ahmad added that any such decision would be taken by the summit conference of the council's member states to be held in Abu Dhabi next month.

United Arab Emirates President Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al-Nahayan Saturday discussed the fostering of bilateral relations with the Saudi Arabian deputy interior minister. Prince Ahmad arrived earlier in the day on a five-day official visit.

The meeting was attended by Saudi Ambassador to the Emirates Sheikh Muhammad Mansour Al-Rumaih. In the evening, Sheikh Sorour ibn Muhammad, the head of the president's office, gave a dinner at the Intercontinental Hotel in honor of Prince Ahmad.

Prince Ahmad told newsmen as he arrived here that his talks with UAE Interior Ministry officials will deal with the various aspects of cooperation between the interior ministries of both countries in order to boost such

Chinese medical team to arrive

TAIPEI, April 26 (CNA): A 271-member medical team will leave in a number of separate groups in the near future for Saudi Arabia. The members of the team will serve in hospitals in the Kingdom as part of this country's medical cooperation agreement.



ARRIVAL: Prince Ahmad (lower left) talks with head of the UAE Royal Court Sorour ibn Muhammad (lower right) upon his arrival in Abu Dhabi.

Prince Ahmad also met Sheikh Sorour ibn Muhammad and exchanged views in issues of mutual interest, especially security. The meeting was attended by Ambassador Sheikh Muhammad Mansour Al-Rumaih.

Riyadh begins Child Week

RIYADH, April 26 (SPA) — Dr. Mansour Al-Turki, rector of Riyadh University, opened here Saturday the Child Week organized by the university's Faculty of Education together with the National Committee of Children Welfare affiliated to the Education Ministry and Riyadh's General Education Directorate.

More than 2,000 students from Riyadh schools as well as Palestinian vanguards are participating in the festival which comes within the purview of the United Nations International Children's Year.

The youths will visit every day cultural, health and technical exhibitions and book fairs. Youth delegations will also visit handicapped children and acquaint themselves with their various activities. Moreover, sports competitions will be held and lectures will be given on social welfare and its effect on the child's growth. The lectures also will deal with the Islamic educational pattern, children arts, and other subjects.

Riyadh panel meets

RIYADH, April 26 (SPA) — The Higher Committee for the Development of Riyadh met here under its vice president Prince Satam. Riyadh's deputy governor, Mayor Sheikh Abdullah Al-Naim said that the committee reviewed Saturday the proposed projects for Riyadh and the arrangements made by the municipality to invite bids at the beginning of the new financial year.

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Diplomat meets Rafsanjani

Britain seeks relations with Iran

TEHRAN, April 26 (R) — Britain's senior diplomat in Iran met parliament speaker Hojatolislam Hashemi Rafsanjani to discuss relations between the two countries, broken off last September, British officials said.

They said Saturday Stephen Barrett, who heads a skeleton staff of six diplomats here, had a "useful and friendly chat" with the Iranian clergyman. The official Pars News Agency, however, quoted Rafsanjani as telling Barrett that the Iranian people are dissatisfied with Britain's stand during the 444-day crisis over the U.S. hostages.

It said this was the parliament speaker's

reply to what it called Barrett's expression of interest in expanding relations. The British official said there was no question of a formal proposal to normalize links, though Britain hoped to move in this direction.

The British embassy currently flies the Swedish flag and all diplomats are technically attached to the British interests section of that nation's mission.

Meanwhile, a British businessman has escaped from Iran after stowing away on a London-bound flight, *The Sunday Telegraph* reported.

The paper said 51-year old John Booth, a

member of the Western business community in Tehran, returned to Britain last Monday after eluding military guards at Tehran airport and hiding in a small compartment beneath the pilot's cabin. The foreign office had no immediate comment.

The Sunday Telegraph said Booth had been refused an exit permit by Iranian authorities although he was free to move around the country. It did not say why he had not been allowed to leave Iran. Once at Heathrow, the paper said, Booth jumped from the plane and was stopped by Iran air officials who handed him over to the airport police for possible prosecution. But they took no action and he was allowed to go free.

Iranian women demand more rights

TEHRAN, April 26 (R) — Some 15,000 black-robed women Saturday converged on Tehran's closed university and called for more rights for women in society. But the women, also endorsed a recent government order compelling those working in government offices to cover their heads.

They demanded special programs for women on radio and television and called on parliament to pass legislation giving them a greater role in society.

Under the Islamic Republic's new constitution, women are granted equal rights in society, but the details have yet to be worked out. The rally, marking the birthday of Fatimah, the daughter of the Prophet Muhammad, was organized by the clergy-led Islamic Republican Party (IRP).

These celebrations, the newspaper *Tehran Times* said Saturday, had nothing to do with

the woman's day celebrated last March 8 in Europe and America, "a day of humiliation, sham freedom, imprisonment and submission to the oppressor." "Today is the day of the birth of woman, her honor and her entry into society in an outstanding role," in the words of Ayatollah Khomeini himself.

Fifty Islamic revolutionary organizations had called for the demonstration here, in the course of which the women, squatting on the ground of the campus of the university, raised fists and repeated slogans proposed from a dais, such as "Women's veils are firearms burning the hearts of the infidels."

Resolutions read into a microphone pledged women's support for the Imam, "supreme guide of the revolution," to "Islam's army fighting the superpowers of the East and West," to the judiciary and to the militant clergy.

Italy signs \$25 m pact with Ethiopia

ADDIS ABABA, April 26 (AFP) — Italian Foreign Minister Emilio Colombo wound up a four-day official visit to Ethiopia after signing agreements for new credits to Ethiopia worth up to \$25 million.

His visit, originally planned to last three days, was apparently extended to enable him to meet Ethiopian leader Mengistu Haile Mariam, who is on a tour of the northern provinces. Colombo flew to Dessie, capital of Wollo province, for the meeting Friday.

Italy, which last year loaned Ethiopia \$15 million, was to extend another \$20 to \$25 million in development aid this year under agreements which Colombo signed just before his departure.

On Middle East
Klaauw confirms Soviet peace plan

CAIRO, April 26 (R) — Dutch Foreign Minister Christopher van der Klaauw has confirmed the Soviet Union had launched a peace initiative in the Middle East. Klaauw, president of the European Economic Community (EEC) council of ministers, told reporters here that the Palestine Liberation Organization chairman Yasser Arafat told him about the Soviet initiative based on holding an international conference to resolve the Middle East problem.

"I told Arafat holding an international conference must be at the end of the peace process, not at the beginning. We must first find the basis and the principles on which peace could be built," the Dutch minister said. Klaauw, who met Arafat last week in Damascus, said: "If the Soviet Union wants an international conference, they can have it, but at a later stage not now."

The Dutch minister made his remarks following meetings with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali. He said his discussions focussed on the European role in the Middle East.

He said the discussions dealt with the Palestinian right to self-determination, the Jerusalem problem, security for all parties and Israeli withdrawal from occupied Arab territories. Klaauw also said he would visit Israel where he hoped to meet with the West Bank leaders, Saudi Arabia, Algeria, the Gulf states and the Vatican.

He said any European proposals would be formulated in "close cooperation with our main ally, the United States." Ali, standing at his side, told reporters "We have the same

opinions about peace in the Middle East and agreed that European efforts will be complementary to the Camp David accords."

Ali, in a speech during a dinner he gave to Klaauw urged a more effective European role in the Middle East. He said: "We believe that Europe should also take definite stands on the different issues of the Middle East, guided by the principles of justice and international law."

Referring to the Israeli settlement policy and the Jerusalem issue, Ali said a clear European stand conforming with international law, would "surely create an atmosphere suitable for bringing peace to the region."

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In cabinet shake-up

Army man replaces Mauritania premier

NOUAKCHOTT, April 26 (AP) — Mauritania apparently has ended its experiment with civilian government in a new shake-up that replaced Premier Sid Ahmad Ould Bneijara with a career soldier and created a 14-member cabinet that includes five military men. The change was announced late Saturday after a two-day meeting of the Military Committee of National Salvation, the real ruling body in Mauritania headed by Lt. Col. Muhammad Khouma Ould Haidalla. It also comes six weeks after an attempted coup led by two lieutenant colonels who had been living in exile in Morocco. The two colonels were captured and executed along with 10 other leaders.

Replacing Bneijara is Lt. Col. Maouya Ould Sidi Ahmed Taya, who also will hold the defense portfolio. Haidalla will continue to exercise executive authority.

The Military Committee of National Salvation has put an end to the civilian mandate in order to lead the country toward democracy itself, the government said in a statement.

The statement said the change was made to avoid "the peril of destabilization and plans of hegemonist forces. The tension has been increasing in the (northern) region because of the evolution of the conflict in the (western) Sahara, from which Mauritania has completely withdrawn."

Rabat denies clash with Algeria

RABAT, April 26 (AFP) — Morocco has denied unofficial reports in Algiers that troops of the two countries clashed last Monday in the Tindouf region of south-west Algeria.

Moroccan officials said here Saturday their denial was "most categorical." They likewise denied that there was tension along the borders. Algerian officials for their part had earlier refused all comment on the reports, which spoke of Moroccan soldiers pursuing Polisario fighters from western Sahara into Algeria. Meanwhile, Moroccan radio announced

Saturday Moroccan forces killed dozens of Polisario fighters and destroyed some 10 of their vehicles in a three-hour battle in the disputed western Sahara April 22.

The Moroccan forces, who were engaged in building a defensive barrier between Smara and Boucras, clashed with three Polisario battalions near Sjen and Gor El Berd, the report said. The Moroccan air force intervened, completely destroying some 10 Polisario jeeps and killing the occupants, the radio said, adding that they captured four jeeps and a major quantity of arms and equipment.



REFUGEES: Children of Kirghiz tribesmen, an Afghan nomadic people, who escaped to Gilgit, northern Pakistan, in 1978 — and who now are seeking to emigrate to Alaska, United States.

European youths urge Gulf peace

MADRID, April 26 (AP) — The two-day "Conference of European Youths for Peace in the Arabian Gulf" ended Saturday with a call to establish a just and durable peace in the area of the Arabian Gulf and for a cease-fire in the Iranian-Iraqi war.

The conference, organized by Spain's Socialist youths, was attended by 90 representatives of European juvenile political organizations. The conference, in a final statement, called to establish a just and durable peace in the area of the Arabian Gulf and to prevent any foreign intervention, considering the security and the peace in the zone an internal question of its peoples.

On the Iranian-Iraqi war, the conference also made a call to a cease-fire and a just and durable peace which guarantees the rights of both countries.

BRIEFS

TEHRAN, (R) — The Tehran newspaper *Mizan* (scales of justice) returned to the streets Sunday after a two-week ban with a pledge to defend freedom of the press and independence of the courts.

HONG KONG, (AFP) — Mrs. Wassila Bourguiba, wife of Tunisian President Habib Bourguiba, left Peking for Shanghai Saturday, New China News Agency reported. She was seen off at the airport by Vice-Premier Chen Muhua.

DAMASCUS, (R) — Mali Foreign Minister Alioune Blondin Beye arrived in Syria Saturday for talks on the Middle East situation and bilateral relations, official sources said.

Ethiopia, Kenya, Sudan to study economic pact

ADDIS ABABA, April 26 (AFP) — Ministers from Ethiopia, Kenya and Sudan gather here Monday to discuss forming a loose economic union that will highlight Somalia's isolation in the Horn of Africa.

A fourth country, Djibouti, which has been trying to position itself for a mediating role in the region was invited to the three-day meeting but apparently will not come. Ethiopian Foreign Minister Feleke Gedle Giorgis told a news conference Saturday that he, Kenyan Foreign Minister Robert Ouko and Sudanese Minister of State Suleiman Mirghani would attend.

Col. Feleke said the differences between Somalia and Ethiopia, at loggerheads over Somali claims on Ethiopia's Ogaden region since 1977, would not be a direct subject

during the three days of the talks.

He hinted that any country in the region would be welcome to join the regional grouping in future, provided it declared its commitment to the charters of the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity (OAU). This statement appeared to be an invitation to Somalia to drop what Ethiopia and Kenya view as expansionist designs on the Ogaden and on Kenya's northern province, both largely inhabited by ethnic Somalis.

The charters of the two international bodies refer to the principles of self-determination within recognized international boundaries.

SWAPO leader meets Qaddafi

BEIRUT, April 26 (R) — Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi has met Sam Nujoma, president of the South West African People's Organization (SWAPO), the Libyan News Agency Jana reported.

The agency said Nujoma arrived in the Libyan capital Tripoli Saturday but gave no details of the visit. SWAPO is waging a war to gain independence for Namibia (South West Africa) from South Africa. The United Nations Security Council has adjourned a debate on the territory until Monday.

Meanwhile, President Goukouni Oueddei of Chad also arrived in the Libyan capital Tripoli radio, monitored in Paris, reported. He was met at the airport by Libyan number two Maj. Abdussalam Jalloud, the radio said.

2 Palestinian youths hurt in Israeli firing

TEL AVIV, April 26 (R) — Two Palestinian youths were wounded Saturday when Israeli soldiers fired at a group of pro-Palestinian demonstrators in the town of Ramallah in the occupied West Bank, Arab sources said.

Eyewitnesses said the demonstration began at a Christian Orthodox Easter procession in the main street when youths suddenly unfurled Palestinian flags, began to throw stones at passing cars and to burn tires. Israeli military sources said the soldiers fired shots after using tear gas on the demonstrators who then stepped up their stone-throwing attacks.

A hospital spokesman said the two youths were wounded in the legs. Seven demonstrators were arrested.

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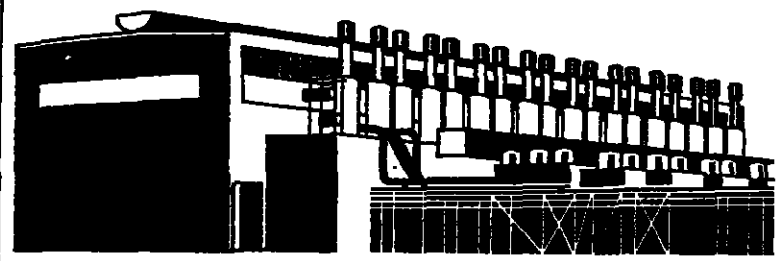
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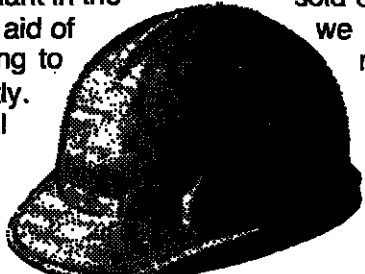
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It's a time of testing in Poland

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By Dr. R. N. Ottaway

Poland today reminds the visitor of the turmoil of the American Civil Rights days. Discussions are going on everywhere. Everyone needs to be involved. Personal inconvenience is almost welcomed if it means being involved in the making of history. One member of the law faculty of the University of Warsaw told me that he was in a party meeting for five hours to draft a five-word statement on whether to endorse the use of force. This is typical of local party meetings.

During the week I was in Poland at the invitation of the academy of sciences, evidence of the activities of the independent union Solidarity became increasingly apparent. When I arrived there was no sign of the hotel staff identifying with the movement, except the voluntary ban on the sale of alcohol in accordance with Solidarity's request. The next evening the waiters were wearing Solidarity badges. The day after that, the hotel had two Polish flags outside — indicating, "We are ready to strike." The half-day general strike of March 27 was described as a "premonition strike", a taste of what could follow. There was a ritual tone to it all. It was only on March 31 that the threatened indefinite strike, due to start that day, was called off.

The successful warning strike was needed in order for the entire population to learn new behavior — planned, open opposition to the policies and practices of the authorities. It was a successful strike in the sense that workers did stop work, the leaders of Solidarity were in command, the government acted with restraint and judgment and the party watched. All groups are trying to find the point at which others think they have gone too far.

Kazimierz Woyciecki, editor of *WIEZ*, a journal of the Catholic Club of Intelligentsia, says: "We don't know where this point is."

There are several groups involved in the Polish crisis. The government and its massive bureaucracy must take into account union demands while they struggle to revive the economy and at the same time please the party. The government has never before faced open, legal opposition.

The incident at Bydgoszcz, when union leaders were beaten up by police, shows the different roles of all sides. One angry young Solidarity member described the situation as "important because of the explicit police violence. In the past these beatings have been by 'unidentified' attackers."

The party works through its Central Committee and Politburo, and its members seem the most gloomy about the future. Many think the Russians will intervene. Some of this gloom arises over the constant postponing of the next party congress. Others are anxious because Solidarity is rejecting the Socialist commitment to planning and rational modeling of problems and solutions. A future without a plan is worrying for the committed party member.

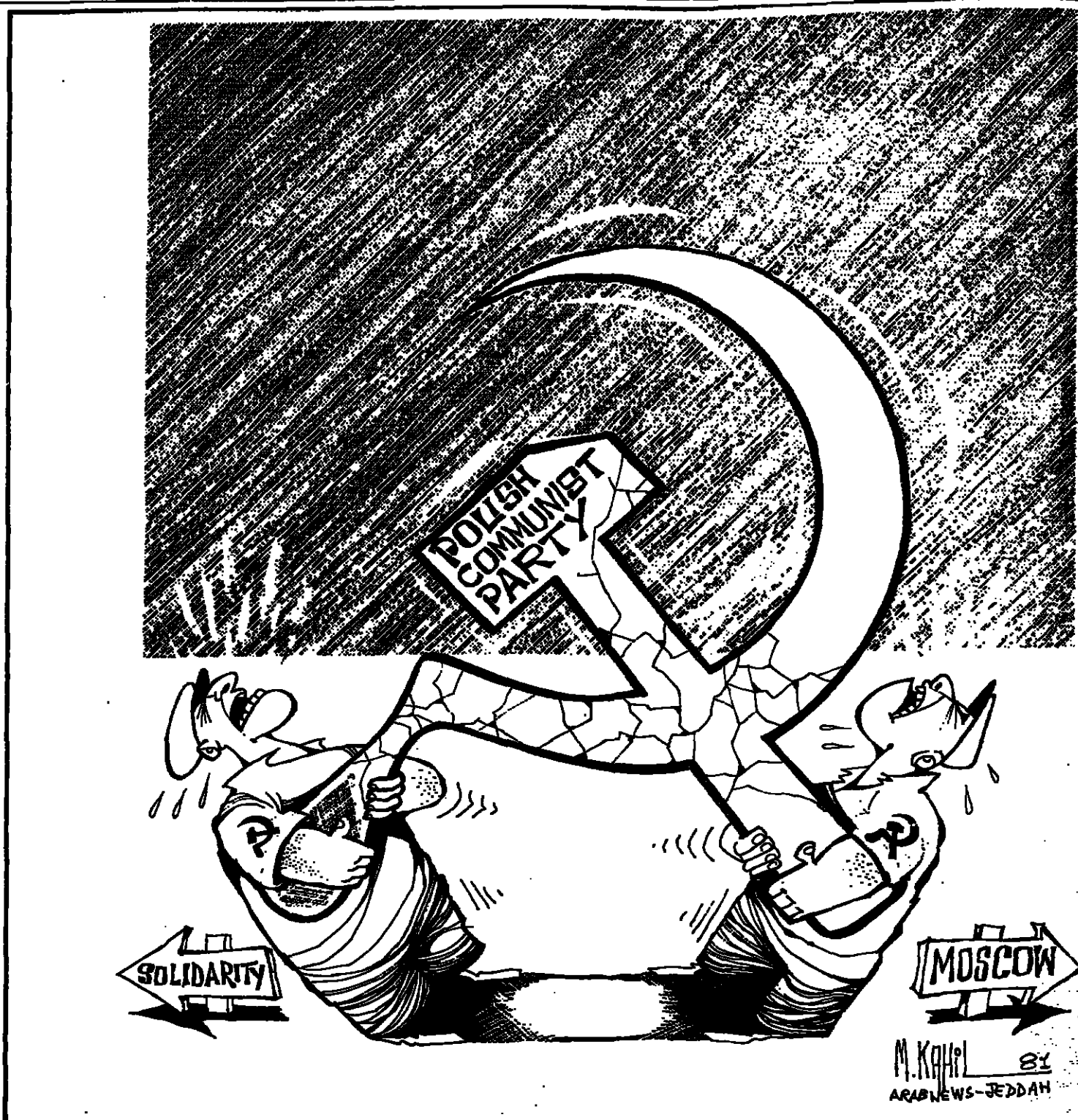
Dr. Jan Strzelecki, an intellectual adviser to the strikers, described their situation this way: "The older union members tried socialism without opposition for 30 years and it didn't work. The young don't feel part of the party and traditional unions."

The party and its government machinery are based on rational, planned roles and activities. Solidarity has had intellectual help from many quarters but in the end it has been most shaped by its experiences. More than 100 independent, self-governing unions have registered with the government since the strikes at the Gdansk shipyards last summer. They vary in size and maturity.

They are held together by a fledgling organization which does not even have elected officers. Lech Walesa and others are serving what amounts to a probationary period. The burgeoning, ill-defined membership is testing them. The biggest factor in the situation is the common man. Everyone wants to see what he will accept. As his aspirations grow, this test becomes more difficult. Basically, it seems he still wants to get on with his life at a cost he can afford. He does not want the Russians to interfere.

The key test is whether he will support the new modes of behavior, conform to the old ways or stand apart from the process of change altogether. At the moment it looks as if he has opted for a middle course of demanding more openness in the system and he thinks that Solidarity is the way to do it.

Professor Andrzej Straszak, at the Polish Academy of Sciences, says: "It's a time of testing. There will be more participation. I think we have come to a new era of partnership between independent trade unions and the Socialist government." The professor appears to be right as long as the Pope, Western opinion, largely from the United States, and the Russian Army remain in their present balance of forces to allow the Poles time to learn new behavior without external intervention.



Secret plan to smash Solidarity

By Mark Frankland

LONDON — Gen. Jaruzelski's speech to the Polish parliament recently and his unheard of, for East Europe, threat to resign unless he gets a two-month ban on strikes, show the Polish government moving fast to prove itself in the eyes of the Soviet Union. Evidence of just how far some Polish leaders would like to move was provided in a recent secret speech by Andrzej Zabinski, appointed politburo member and first party secretary in the major industrial and mining region of Katowice after the Gdansk strikes last summer.

Zabinski, speaking privately to local militia and security service commanders, outlined a plan for bringing the independent union movement Solidarity to heel and restoring party control. A tape of the speech was published last month in an independent trade union paper in south Poland.

The plan has two parts. First, members of the dissident group KOR, some of whom advise Solidarity, are to be got rid of. Second, the party should influence Solidarity by making sure its members stay in the new union: "We have to prevent a situation which will lead to party trade unions, limited and small, and non party unions, which is to say, anti-party."

Once this was done "the rest must be simply slowly broken up," ending "ideally" with the re-unification of the Polish trade union movement "though this can take years."

One way to push KOR out of the union, Zabinski suggested, was to make its elimination a precondition for granting union requests. "The unions fight for... access to the media and they will get it when they have learned that they have to dissociate themselves from KOR... What we need is a statement that they would dissociate themselves from KOR which would in turn cause divisions in KOR."

Once separated from KOR it would be easier to work on Solidarity's leaders. They should be involved in "a thousand problems" including such tricky ones as deciding what workers are to be fired when mines and factories start to get rid of unnecessary labor (a point Gen. Jaruzelski repeated recently). "Let them to this untypical work."

Solidarity leaders should also be softened up by

the privileges of power: "They have to get a taste of power. We have to make quarters and meeting places available to them, and equip them with every luxury."

"I always keep saying this but let me repeat it here once again: I don't know how many who would not get corrupted by power — it is simply a matter of time and degree."

"We can already see it among them. Easy access to money, taxi rides to Gdansk, telephone conversations, contacts with the secretary of the provincial party committee, with the deputy premier... They begin to get extravagant with money... so this is a correct policy."

The next aim would be to break up Solidarity's region-by-region organization and give it back the branch union structure all the Polish unions had pre-Gdansk. It was ridiculous to group together "miners and milliners" just because they worked in the same region.

"This is truly a soft spot for political attack. We have to attack. We simply have to attack now." (The thinking behind this is that branch unions will be easier to control.)

Zabinski was scathing about the performance of party members so far. "You comrades," he said to his audience of policemen, "are already doing extremely well but party activists have forgotten these fighting methods."

Zabinski's approach is likely to be shared by other party leaders, including, no doubt, the tough talker Stefan Olszowski, who met Brezhnev during the recent Czech party congress in Prague, and by many officials who have spent a satisfying lifetime in the party apparatus. Nor would Brezhnev or other East European leaders be likely to quibble at it.

The question now is: Can the ordinary Polish party member be, as Zabinski puts it, "taught again"? The evidence from Poland is that the ordinary party member is in the mood to teach rather than be taught. Stanislaw Kania, the party leader, has already twice this month been branded with criticism at meetings of the party rank-and-file.

The other leaders have been through similar ordeals. In short the party is seized, at its base, by a mood for reform (secret, multiple choice elections; more power to ordinary workers) that no one foresaw last August. It is no surprise then that Brezhnev has expressed only qualified confidence in the abil-

ity of the Polish Communists and their leader, Dr. Husak, declared Poland's path to be "getting more acute."

Husak knows that he was only able to reform-minded Czechoslovak party under hardline arguments unanswerable. The Czechoslovak Communists later drew up the "lessons had learned from this experience — this does is their bible to this day — and it is no exaggeration to say that Poland's Communist reformers are against each and every one of those Czechoslovak lessons."

The uncertainty, the feeling of drift, the catches in the comings and goings of the leaders and their allies have their origin here. Russians do not want to send their army to Poland. For that, they would have to be made to believe that they want evidence that the party, though unsupported by Soviet troops, how to "struggle."

It will take more than a melodramatic resignation by a military prime minister to cut them off that. — (ONS)

Letter to the editor

Dear sir,
The aerial view of the downtown Jeddah in the *Arab News* of April 15, reminded me of a problem in that area. The large and well lit parking lot has no access to the new, lands pedestrian mall. I'm sure that some scheme for such a link, but at present an extremely hazardous situation exists. Pedestrians run their lives across the six lanes of traffic, cars, trucks stalled by the people, thereby causing a number of "minor" accidents.

Until the permanent access can be constructed, it should be possible to erect a temporary bridge across the road similar to the archways that sprung up all over Jeddah.

I hope the mayor and his staff will consider suggestion.

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TIES DEEPEN

Chancellor Helmut Schmidt starts his official visit today as the leader of a friendly Western state with which the Kingdom enjoys excellent relations and is eager to develop further. There are no problems between the two countries and there have been practically none since the crisis of 1965 when the U.S. forced Germany to ship arms to Israel. The U.S. action led the Arab states to sever relations with Bonn while some of the countries established diplomatic relations with East Germany for the first time since World War II.

Since then Germany and the Kingdom have been drawing closer in mutual interests, and have exchanged visits at the highest level — promoting both political and economic relations until the Kingdom has now become Germany's major trading partner (outside Europe) and the principal source of oil. The Germans, not to be outpaced, have increased their exports 25 times since 1973.

But it is Saudi Arabia's policy and moderation that have attracted German admiration which prompted Schmidt to describe the country as "an excellent element of stability for the Middle East." However, trade alone is not going to be the crucial test of Saudi Arabian-German friendship. The Kingdom conducts more business with the U.S. but the latter has not seen fit to amend its attitudes and policies toward the all-important Middle East question including the future of the occupied Arab lands.

Admittedly, Germany is less influential than the U.S., and in fact still suffers from American foreign policy, but its importance lies in being a major power of the European Economic Community in which it musters a substantial weight in shaping foreign policy. Together with France, which has been braver than other members in speaking out about the Middle East problem, it can bring about a new climate of European public opinion that is demonstrably fairer than the American official commitment.

The U.S. administration and Congress may be unsettled by such a trend but it will serve to win Arab appreciation for such a courageous policy. And since this will be done through the EEC, Germany will stand little risk of being singled out for blame by the U.S. It will be naive though, and it is so, to expect the so-called European initiative to be of decisive substance in the conflict, but its interest lies in being a departure from the U.S. line of conduct and a condemnation of its blinkered view of the whole issue.

Bilateral relations developed smoothly and rapidly without a hitch — until the German press published what amounted to a Saudi Arabian arms shopping list from Germany. No official request has been issued according to Schmidt, and the Saudi Arabian government hastened to allay the fears of the German government by declaring that it was careful to avoid embarrassing it by any demand for defense sales. In order not to embarrass the Chancellor on the eve of his visit, Saudi Arabia would prefer to leave the matter up to him to raise during the talks here.

The West considers Saudi Arabia and the Gulf region as perhaps the most important source of energy and the cornerstone of Western survival for the foreseeable future. But it balks when the Kingdom requests to buy arms from them for its defense and to safeguard its own interests and those of its friends. The U.S. Congress threatens to block Reagan's recommendations, the Germans worry about Israeli reaction while others make sure that Israel already has something better in hand than that requested by an Arab country.

Schmidt's visit will be worthwhile in further "deepening our mutual understanding" as Foreign Minister Prince Saud had said. He will hear directly from the leadership what he wants to know about the region and the challenges it is facing while the government here will know at first hand what Germany has to say. Then it will be up to him to decide whether this region is important enough to be assisted to defend itself.

Newspapers Sunday mostly led with a report on the graduation of the 39th batch of cadets from the King Abdul Aziz War Academy in Riyadh Saturday. The function was chaired by Minister of Defense and Aviation Prince Sultan, who declared that the Saudi Arabian army is able to meet all challenges and that the military academies function as factories producing men prepared to take on the defense of the country. Meanwhile, *Al Medina* and *Al Nadwa* carried as lead stories the resumption of the Islamic Goodwill Committee's mission and Iran's "approval" of "some proposals" by the committee. *Al Riyadh* gave lead prominence to a report saying that helicopters of the Arab deterrent force have landed some forces near Phalangist militia positions on the peaks of Mount Sinain, overlooking the Beqaa valley in Lebanon. The French presidential election formed the headline story in *Al Jazirah* newspaper.

Newspapers frontpaged the goodwill committee's decision to send PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat and Secretary General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) Habib Chatti to Baghdad to acquaint themselves with Iraq's views on the committee's latest proposals for a ceasefire between Iraq and Iran. Another prominent page one story concerned the Jerusalem Committee, which has recommended an international seminar on Jerusalem in Washington. The committee stressed the need to stamp out all differences among the Islamic states.

In an editorial on the Iraq-Iran armed conflict, *Al Medina* observed that both countries are in pressing need for bold decisions which they ought to take in the interest of peace, good-neighborness, and Islamic fraternity. The paper said it was a matter of great satisfaction that Iran is reported to have agreed on some points proposed by the Islamic

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Goodwill Committee. It hoped that Iraq will also give a favorable response and the two countries will make themselves ready for a race for peace and cordiality, leaving behind all acts of destruction and devastation.

Discussing Communist infiltration into the Middle East, *Al Jazirah* noted that an accord among the Arabs, the Europeans, and the Americans on resisting Soviet expansionist designs does not necessarily mean that the Arabs should accept everything that Europe and America do in the Middle East. The paper did not find any difference between the European and the American stances on the Middle East. It said that their attitude is not very friendly toward the Arabs and that they are opposed to the just and right principles which form the backbone of all Arab demands. The paper further stressed the point that the present attitude of the West toward the Arab-Israeli conflict would ultimately provide an opening for Soviet expansionism in the Middle East, which would consequently give rise to Communist infiltration with all its heretic ideologies, into the lives of the region's people.

On the same subject, *Al Nadwa* noted that the European attitude toward the Middle East issue does not predict any independent and positive role that the West can play to find peace in the region. Surmising from the statements of European leaders, the paper said that any European move would eventually be linked to the American policy toward the Middle East, which would mean a further strengthening of the Camp David accord.

Al Riyadh dealt with the Lebanese situation and urged that any Arab move take into consideration the fact that the summit talks between Syria and Lebanon had not been able to ease the crisis, which was evident from the latest developments and the deteriorating security situation in Lebanon. The

paper further urged the need to concentrate on the dialogue between Damascus and Beirut, which was stalled midway for lack of large-scale Arab support. The paper stated that Lebanon would continue to remain an Arab responsibility, saying that the Arab capitals can do a lot in removing the barriers and putting an end to the Israeli assaults on Lebanon.

On the other hand, *Okaz* commented on the graduation ceremony at the King Abdul Aziz War Academy, saying that Saudi Arabia is striving to equip its air force with sophisticated weapons while at the same time trying to reinforce its naval and ground forces with every modern equipment. The graduation of fresh cadets reaffirms that the Kingdom is capable of preparing itself to confront any

eventuality.

On the same subject, *Al Bilad* gave prominent Prince Sultan's statement that the military academies are factories where men are prepared for the defense of the country. The paper praised measures taken by the Kingdom's leadership for development and progress of different sectors in the country. While the leadership provided all the resources which aim at building up the country, people of Saudi Arabia have shown their complete love and loyalty towards the leadership out of a conviction that the role of the leadership is to lead the country on the path of progress in the spheres of science, technology, warfare, and economic being, the paper concluded.



One Lebanese to another: "Is this Haig's conception of the international emergency force in Lebanon?"

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PIGEON-BREEDERS: Gustav and Manni Heldt are PIGEON-BREEDERS in Oberhausen, West Germany. It has become a hobby for them which, they say, "means everything for us". At left, they are holding birds, and at right, standing with the medals they won in pigeon competitions.

Pigeons — their feathered friends

By Stefan Klein

OBERHAUSEN, West Germany. (INP) — As if by a hidden command, a dozen pigeons take off from the roof in a wing-flapping melee, form themselves into a squadron, circle over the house, climb steeply, fly a wide curve, then settle into a level flight in an easterly direction, heading toward the chimney stacks of the Osterfeld colliery an coking plant. A few seconds later,

the birds are mere dark specks in the milky-white sky over Oberhausen (West Germany). What about the bird's eye-view? Do the pigeons recognize the features of the landscape below — Eisenheimer Strasse, the old pit house, the back yard, the vegetable garden and their own "home", the black-painted pigeon-loft? Can they still see the two men down here — Gustav and Manni Heldt — heads thrown back, hands shielding their eyes as they scour the sky in search of their birds?

No, of course not. On their swift flight, they've long since lost sight of the tiny pit colony of Eisenheim; perhaps they're already over Essen or even Bottrop. But suddenly, they reappear, shooting toward home base; a sweeping turn, landing approach, air brakes applied and there they are — back on the loft roof, recovering terrestrial equilibrium, pecking corn. "They got away well today, didn't they Manni?" Gustav comments to his brother.

Gustav and Manni Heldt are pigeon-breeders. They have about 250 pigeons — they wouldn't exactly say they "own" their feathered friends. "I'm attached to them," says Manni. "I could do without everything else — not the pigeons." Manni is a big, sturdy fellow with blond, curly hair, almost apple-red cheeks and conspicuously big, though rather soft hands. He works as a builder's plasterer.

Years ago, he met with an accident, injuring his knee and spine. Manni is 39 and his brother Gustav 47. He's a different type. With his brushed-back dark hair, parted at the side Gustav looks like Ernst Kuzorra, the old soccer star of FC Schalke 04.

Thirty-one years of bone-grinding work as a mechanic at nearby Osterfeld colliery exacerbated an old spinal defect to such a degree that now, at 47, he's an invalid and a pensioner. Gustav and Manni have a seriously ill brother, a former coal face worker turned into a bedridden wreck by two nasty accidents at Osterfeld. But they look after their disabled brother well. Manni and Gustav have their own families too. But above all, they have their pigeons.

They grew up with "the birds." Pigeons gradually became a hobby for them which they say with one voice: "It means everything to us." No shiny automobiles for them, just Moped; every spare penny goes into the lofts, which have become bigger and bigger. Today, they hold more than 200 pigeons, for strangers an amorphous clan. But Gustav points out: "Show me any bird you like. If I can't tell you the number on its ring without looking, you can take it away with you."

Manni and Gustav never rush feeding time



DELIGHT: A pigeon takes delight in standing on Manni's head.

Smiles connected to eyebrows

By a Medical Correspondent

Your boss cracks a hoary joke you have heard scores of times before and to keep in his good books, you roar with laughter. But if your boss is smart, he will know what you are up to. All he has to do is study your eyebrows.

If you haven't raised them, according to behavior experts, that means you're forcing a laugh. Scientists at Chicago University who have been examining the smile have come up with some conclusions that are nothing to laugh at.

Take the "upper smile". That's when your lips part just enough to show your upper teeth. It is the sort of smile people give when they are greeting friends. But, say the scientists, if there is no crinkling around the eyes at the same time you are probably just being polite or hypocritical. Your smart boss won't be fooled by that.

The great copper mystery

Lord Snowdon, the Duchess of Windsor, the Marquis of Bath, actresses Eva Gabor and Thora Hird, and cricketer Colin Cowdrey are all members of the Green Wrist Brigade. On their wrists glow the green splodges caused by wearing a copper bracelet to keep away rheumatism. Hundreds of thousands of people put faith in the copper band of hope, convinced that it will do for them what the doctors can't — ward off the "screws". For many of them it seems to work.

How? Why? Nobody knows. That is the great copper mystery. One theory is that the bracelet balances copper deficiency, which is often associated with rheumatism and arthritis. Another is that the bracelet draws excess acid from the body — hence the green wrists. Uric acid is known to be involved in joint pain.

Doctors are highly sceptical. A spokesman for the British Rheumatism and Arthritis Association, who are experts in the field, says: "There is no medical evidence that copper bracelets work to cure rheumatism or arthritis."

But Thora Hird says: "Wearing a copper bracelet has really done wonders for me." Dr. Allan St. J. Dixon, author of the British Medical Association's booklet *Aches, Pains and Rheumatism*, kills all hope. He says the only good effect of wearing a copper bracelet is that it prevents you from being pestered by well-meaning folk who want you to!

— it's an old-established and important ritual. Gustav always wears his old pit trousers in the loft — and a grey dustcoat. His favorite relaxing position is on a stool placed so that he can lean comfortably against the wall. He talks to the birds, calls, coaxes, whistles and, before one can even notice, his voice takes on a soft note. "Come on, fatty, come on." And they do come to him, perch on his knee or on his shoulder and sometimes on his head, which is why Gustav usually wears a cap when he's in the loft.

"There's real trust between us and the pigeons," he comments. And when Manni feeds the birds, he wears a warm, tender expression. "You can talk to pigeon just like a human and they are thankful and show it with love and tameness." Sitting in his big, chunky hands, which usually still have a spattering of plaster, the pigeons look almost as if they're smuggling in a nest. Sometimes, Manni takes a peanut between his teeth and delights in having a pigeon peck it away from him.

He says: "When you come home from work, or when things are getting you down or you're having a row with the wife, you just go to the pigeon-loft and everything is okay again."

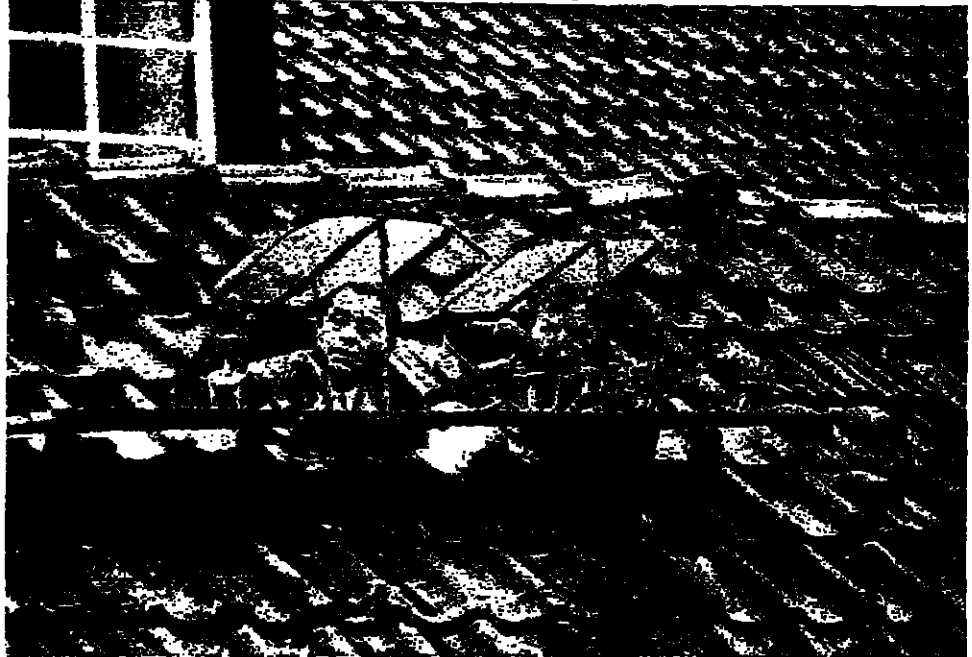
But the best part of it all for him is to peep into the breeding loft and see "how the little chaps are growing. It gives you hope somehow." This hope is invested in every young pigeon — the hope that it will grow into a

prize flier. The reward for all the effort, for sacrificing holidays, for all the money spent on birdseed and the constant repair and modernization of the loft is a pigeon which wins competitions.

"Konkurs" is how the pigeon-breeders of the Ruhr district refer to the competitions for racing pigeons, which always fly for a particular club. The Heldt brothers are members of a pigeon-breeders' association calling itself "Teure Heimat" ("Dear Home"). In many of the races, thousands of birds are entered. Throughout the Ruhr district, around 30,000 pigeon-breeders are evidence of the great popularity of the sport and its importance as a leisure activity. For several years now, the "Teure Heimat" birds have been flying the same route.

To begin with, there are three shorter preliminary flights in April, then six prize flights in May and June in which the birds are transported up to 385 kms away from base. Finally, at the end of the racing season, there are extremely difficult flights, some of them starting in Denmark. The winner is the first pigeon to find its way back to its home loft. The maximum stake to be wagered on one bird is DM 10.10 Pfennigs — "going the full way" is how the breeders describe the top bet.

Gustav and Manni place their stakes according to their judgment of individual birds in the preceding days and how well they have performed in training. Usually, they invest quite a lot of money.



MANNI: Gustav and Manni seen feeding pigeons at top of their house.

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Fresh disclosure

N-plant leak hits 45 Japanese

TOKYO April 26 (AP) — The Japan Atomic Power Co., under fire for failing to report several accidents at its Tsuruga nuclear power plant including a major radioactive waste overflow last month, has disclosed that 45 workers were exposed to radioactive waste in another unreported mishap this January. Power company officials said on Jan. 19 and 21 radioactive materials dripped out of three holes in piping connecting two wastewater condensing tanks at the 357,000-kilowatt plant 320 kms west of Tokyo.

The Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI), which has been investigating plant operations since it was disclosed last week 16 tons of radioactive wastewater spilled out of a tank in a March 8 accident, and the January leak was small and confined to the tank room. MITI officials also said the 45 workmen involved in repairing the piping and cleaning up the waste were exposed to a maximum of 92 and an average of 55 millirems of radioactivity per day, under power company safety level of 100 millirems a day.

Officials of the Tokyo-based power company said the leak was not reported because it was minor and occurred when the plant was closed for a periodic safety check. However, MITI officials, who newspapers said were "dismayed" by the latest in a series of revelations of slipshod operations at the Tsuruga plant, ordered an immediate investigation into the leak.

The *Yomiuri Shimbun*, a major daily, also reported that the radioactivity of the glutinous waste material was so high that work to

fill up the holes had to be carried out with workers rotating every five seconds. The accident was the fourth this year that Tsuruga plant officials failed to report to the government in what has become a major scandal in this nuclear-sensitive nation.

The plant was closed on April 1 when a worker disclosed that cracks in a cooling water tank on Jan. 10 and Jan. 24 had allowed the release of small quantities of radioactive materials. The company had failed to report these two incidents at the time and they did not become evident to the public at large until a major spill, the third unreported by the company, was revealed a month after it occurred.

Last week, after it was found that seaweed near the plant recorded levels of radioactivity ten times normal, plant officials revealed that on March 8 a worker forgot to shut off a valve and 16 tons of radioactive sludge poured out of a storage tank, with some seeping into the sewage system running to the tank. A total of 56 workers were engaged in cleaning up the spill, but the company has denied that any worker was exposed to dangerous levels of radioactivity.

Meanwhile, newspapers reported that Koichi Takagi, mayor of Tsuruga city, a port town of 63,000 about 12 kms from the power plant, said that with the series of accidents, "we can no longer trust the government."

Biggs likes to live in Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO, April 26 (R) — British train robber Ronald Biggs, who narrowly escaped extradition from Barbados and a long prison sentence in Britain, said Saturday he would like to become a Brazilian citizen. "If God wills, I will stay in Brazil always," he told reporters on the fashionable Copacabana beach front. With him was his six-year-old Brazilian son Mike.

Biggs, who says he was kidnapped from Brazil to Barbados on March 16, returned Friday after a Barbados court rejected Britain's extradition request. His emotional airport meeting with Mike was among the top items on Brazilians television and radio news programs. Newspapers front-paged their pictures for the second consecutive day.

Biggs, 52, who escaped from a London prison in 1967 after serving just two years of a 30-year sentence for his part in a two-and-a-half million sterling train robbery, said he believed his former wife, Mrs. Charmian Brent, was on her way to Brazil from Australia to visit him. Mrs. Brent divorced Biggs in 1976 and lives in Melbourne with their sons aged 18 and 14. "It's very good news, I'm looking forward to seeing her," he said. "There's a possibility she might be able to stay but this can only be spoken about when I've seen her. She's coming to discuss our children, our futures."



EXCITED: Six-year-old Michael, son of "great train robber" Ronald Biggs, is beyond joy as he hears the news Thursday that his father would be returning to Rio de Janeiro from Barbados.

Biggs said he would continue to live in his \$500-a-month Rio flat, earning a living as before off press and television interviews and royalties from his autobiography.

Reagan's daughter married to law clerk

LOS ANGELES, April 26 (R) — President Reagan's daughter, Maureen, married 28-year-old law clerk Dennis Revell Saturday, but doctors refused to allow her father to attend. A small army of secret service bodyguards were on hand for the wedding, the third for 40-year-old Maureen Reagan, previously married to a policeman and a marine lieutenant.

The president had hoped to attend but aides said doctors refused to allow him to

make the journey from Washington while he recovered from lung and chest wounds suffered in the recent assassination attempt.

She was given away by her uncle, Neil Reagan, 71-year-old brother of the president, in a civil ceremony performed by a court judge in a hotel reception room. The bride's mother, actress Jane Wyman — Reagan's first wife — attended the ceremony with her adopted son, Michael Reagan, and 75 guests.

Whale recovers from pneumonia, released to sea

BABYLON, New York, April 26 (AP) — To cheers of some 10,000 whale-washers, a sperm whale, recovered from a near-fatal bout with pneumonia, was released to the open sea Saturday. Biologists who nursed the 23-foot (7 meter) baby mammal back to health felt he had "recovered enough to have a good chance for survival at sea," said Jack Peters, a spokesman for the Okeanos Research Foundation. Named Physty by handlers — a play on the Latin name for his species and pronounced "Feisty" — the whale was believed to be the first sperm whale ever kept alive in captivity.

Earlier in the day, Peters had said that the whale, which suffered from a strain of pneumonia also common to humans, would not be released until Sunday because of rough seas and high winds. However, by early afternoon Peters said "things calmed down significantly" and Physty was berthed out of a marina on Long Island while spectators lined up at a state park urged him on.

When the moment of truth came Physty hesitated. "When we opened the net he didn't head right for the sea," Peters said, "he hesitated and then made a slow left turn towards the inlet." Five Coast Guard boats and about six others were on hand to help Physty on his way.

Peters said a motor boat followed directly behind the whale "to keep him moving" while others kept him from going in the wrong direction. The researchers said Physty moved at a slow but steady pace during his first 500 meters. Peters said several boats would follow him about 70 to 100 miles off shore to make sure he gets safely out to waters frequented by his species.

The whale, believed to be between three and five years old, was towed to the state park marina by a Coast Guard vessel April 16 after it tried to beach itself twice.

BRIEFS

BANGKOK, (R) — Vietnamese voted Sunday for a new national assembly, the Vietnam News Agency reported. The agency said Communist Party Secretary-General Le Duan and Prime Minister Phan Van Dong cast their votes when the polls opened in Hanoi.

MANILA, (AFP) — Prime Minister Ranasinghe Premadasa of Sri Lanka arrived here Sunday for a six-day official visit during which he will also attend the fourth session of the United Nations Commission on Human Settlements.

BELGRADE, (R) — A prominent Croatian dissident has been arrested in the northwestern city of Zagreb on suspicion of anti-state activities, legal sources said. Lawyers for Marko Veselica said an investigating judge ordered him to be detained Friday "because of new evidence which pointed to links with Yugoslav emigres abroad."

Irate Chinese loot steel mill

PEKING, April 26 (AFP) — Workers angered by the closing of a steel mill in central China's Hunan province went on a rampage, looting the factory and on several occasions beating up guards who tried to stop them. It was reported Sunday. The incidents followed a Jan. 7 announcement that the mill would be closed, as part of a national policy to eliminate money-losing enterprises, according to Hunan radio.

Workers organized a series of raids and the

theft of equipment in retaliation, it added, calling the situation "a profound lesson" for all parts of China.

The looters carried off several tons of steel bars, door and window frames, tires and work clothes and broke all windows in the factory's four dormitories. This "not only created a tremendous loss of state property but adversely affected social stability," broadcast said.

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Waldheim to visit Moscow in May

UNITED NATIONS, April 26 (Agencies) — U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim "will be visiting Moscow in May" at the invitation of the Soviet Union, a U.N. spokesman has said. The announcement by Frank Barabas came one day after it was announced here that Waldheim would pay his first visit to President Ronald Reagan in Washington next Thursday, accepting an invitation from the United States.

Waldheim, in the last year of his second five-year term, and regarded as a candidate for re-election as secretary-general needs the assent of both superpowers if he is to have a third term. Either of the two could veto him in the Security Council, expected to take up the nomination in December. The votes of nine of the Council's 15 members are required for nomination and a simple majority vote in the General Assembly is needed for election. Britain, France and China also have veto power in the Security Council.

A well-placed source who asked not to be identified said Saturday that after visiting Moscow, Waldheim would visit Portugal and Britain. Portugal is no longer on the council. Salim Ahmad Salim, Tanzanian foreign minister, and Shridath Ramphal of Guyana, secretary-general of the Commonwealth, are regarded as rival candidates, but Ramphal is not campaigning and Salim is said to lack solid support among French African countries.



Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim

Latest Cosmos launch Britons see new satellite features

LONDON, April 26 (R) — British space-watchers reported mysterious features about a Soviet satellite launched Saturday and suggested that it might be paving the way for a new advance in space flight by the Soviet Union. The launching was reported in Moscow by the Soviet news agency Tass, which described the satellite as number 1.267 in the Soviet Union's Cosmos series and said the equipment on board was functioning normally.

The scientific equipment Cosmos-1267 carried was designed to continue the space exploration program, Tass said, without giving further explanation. Geoffrey Perry, who heads the Kettering Space Monitoring Group which has built up a sound international reputation for monitoring space flights, said Saturday night that members of his group detected the satellite Saturday morning after it left Baikonur cosmodrome.

He said it was operating on the same frequencies and in a similar format to Cosmos 129 which had undertaken a six-month mission in 1977 never explained by the Soviet Union.

Worst blizzards hit U.K.

LONDON, April 26 (AP) — The worst April blizzards this century swept across the British Isles to pile snow drifts up to six feet deep in some parts Saturday, causing widespread misery to humans, widespread death to newborn lambs and the destruction of early vegetable crops.

And the weatherman gave no hope of respite. A spokesman for the Meteorology Office said: "It could snow until June." And he refused to say if he was joking.

There was no immediate report of loss of life to humans but farmers in England and Scotland said thousands of lambs born within the past week would certainly be wiped out by hypothermia or pneumonia. They are highly vulnerable to both shortly after birth, a National Farmers Union spokesman said.

He also reported that early vegetables planted outside of greenhouses suffered severe damage and those grown in greenhouses will cost housewives a lot more because farmers had to spend more on heating.

Royal Air Force rescue helicopters were out in what was described as appalling weather conditions in search for stranded motorists. Snowplows were fighting a losing battle trying to keep main trunk roads open between England and Scotland. The worst of the blizzards were confined to northern England, eastern Scotland, northern Wales, the Isle of Man and northern Ireland where Belfast airport was closed during the night by snow.

The weatherman said the April blizzards were the worst this century. He said they were caused by blasts of icy winds from the Arctic meeting a depression. A double-decker bus in Manchester was blown off course by the winds and careened into the car of a milkman who was taken to hospital with a broken arm.

Ambulance men helped by a mountain rescue team struggled across fields blanketed with more than three feet of snow to a farm to bring to hospital a man who had suffered a heart attack. An ailing baby was evacuated to hospital from a farm in central Yorkshire to hospital in Harrogate by helicopter.

A helicopter evacuated a farmer, his wife and two children from a farm in the mountains of the Isle of Man.

China claims biggest U

HONG KONG, April 26 (AFP) — China has what is probably the world's biggest television university with a total student complement of over 384,000, the New China News Agency said Sunday. The figure was released Saturday at the end of a meeting in Nanjing, capital of Jiangsu coastal province, evaluating the progress of television education.

The new satellite was unmanned but appeared to be on a mission connected with manned flight, Perry said. "Cosmos-129 was thought to be a man-related program connected with the next generation after Salyut and Soyuz," he added. "This latest one could be the second development flight."

Perry pointed out that the United States had followed up its Apollo series of space flights with the space shuttle. "I am not saying this could be the Soviet shuttle, but some people might," he said.

After receiving the Soviet announcement of the launch, with details of orbit, Perry said it definitely was the second step of a development begun by Cosmos-129. Its orbital inclination of 51.6 degrees and its initial period of revolution of 89 minutes both fitted, he said.

The spacecraft had also been launched by the Soviet Union's biggest rocket, which has been employed for the later Venus and Mars probes and for putting Salyut space stations into orbit, he stated.

Anti-nuclear protesters held in U.S.

NEW YORK, April 26 (AP) — Seventeen persons have been arrested in Groton, Connecticut, for spilling bottles of blood at the launching of a nuclear attack submarine in one of many anti-nuclear weapons protests coordinated in dozens of cities around the United States.

The Saturday demonstrations, sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee, also focused on MX missile and Cruise missile installations as well as firms that make nuclear weapons components.

In Groton, about 600 demonstrators denounced the launching of the nuclear submarine *Corpus Christi* as blasphemous. Police said 17 persons were arrested, some of them for tossing bottles of blood on the sidewalk

outside the administration building of the Electric Boat Company shipyard. Police said all 17 were released on their recognizance.

Navy Secretary John F. Lehman Jr. praised the craft, named after the city in Texas, as "an instrument of peace," but the demonstrators denounced the choice of a name, which means "body of Christ" in Latin.

About 150 persons gathered for the fourth consecutive year in an interfaith prayer service just north of the Rocky Flats, Colorado, nuclear weapons plant, the only facility in the country that produces plutonium for nuclear weapons.

Factory guards were called in, but there was no violence and there were no arrests.

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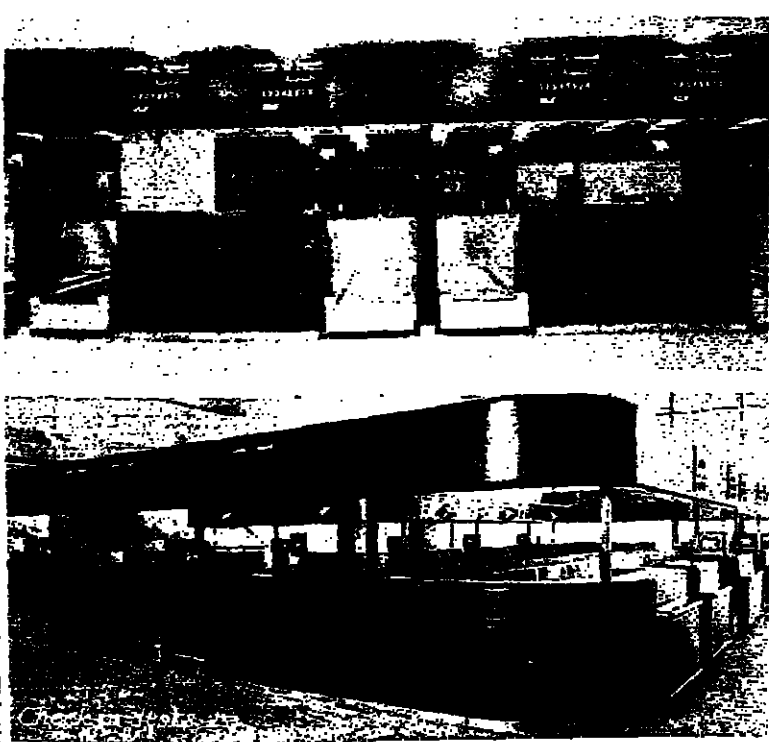
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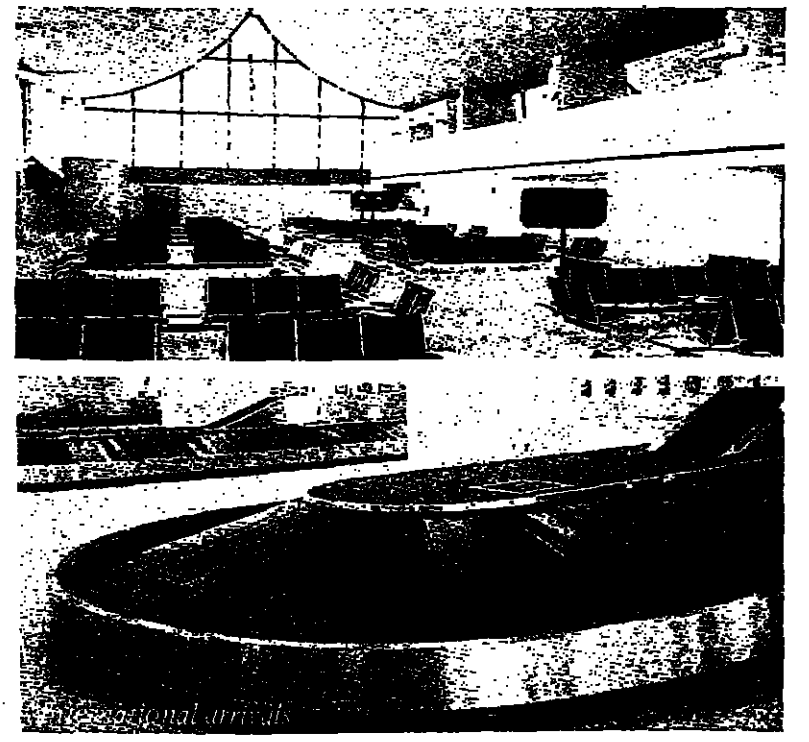
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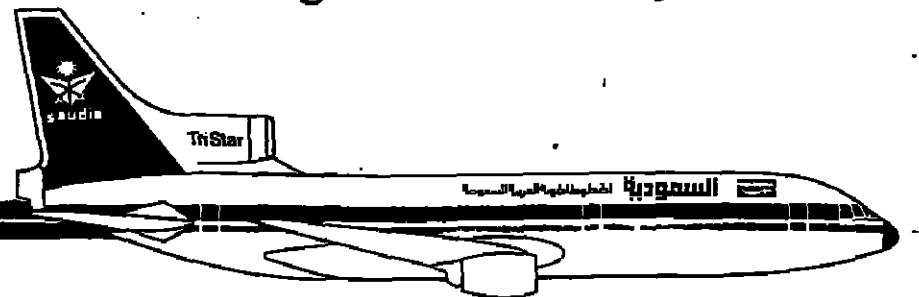
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Japan to impose limit on car sales to U.S.

TOKYO, April 26 (AFP) — The heads of Japan's seven leading car manufacturing firms have broadly agreed to allow the government to decide by how much they should voluntarily restrict their exports to the United States, ministry sources have said. Meanwhile, International Trade and Industry Minister Rokusuke Tanaka said Saturday that the government had won the manufacturers' "understanding" over its attempts to settle the growing dispute with the U.S. on auto exports.

Tanaka was speaking after separate meetings with top executives of the seven leading firms seeking their support for whatever commitments the government may make. The minister said he did not disclose to the industry any specific figures regarding the "preferred level" for the restraint or its duration. Informed sources said the government hoped to curtail shipments to about 1.7 million units a year, down seven per cent to the 1980 level, but this figure is unlikely to be accepted by domestic manufacturers.

OECD sees inflation fall in Turkey

PARIS, April 26 (R) — Turkey's inflation should drop if the government sticks to its current policies, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) said Sunday. The OECD said in its annual report on Turkey that the underlying rate of inflation probably had been reduced to between 40 and 50 per cent by the end of 1980 after rising above 100 per cent earlier in the year. "Further improvement should be possible if the stated aims of fiscal, monetary and income policies are pursued energetically," it said.

Turkey's economy is also expected to expand in 1981. The country's gross domestic product is predicted to grow by 3.25 per cent, after rising two per cent last year, provided that foreign credits are available to pay for essential supplies for industry. The current account deficit is bound to increase, however, because oil and supplies for industry have to be imported. The government puts the 1981 deficit at \$3.5 billion after a \$3.9 billion deficit in 1980, the OECD noted.

Libya to grant Nicaragua \$100m

MANAGUA, April 26 (R) — Nicaragua has announced it would receive aid totaling \$164 million from Libya and Cuba. An official communique said Saturday Libya would lend Nicaragua \$100 million, while Cuba would provide technical aid.

Oil glut may slow down IEA cooperation

PARIS, April 26 (AFP) — The world oil glut, expected to cause strains inside the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), could also spell problems in energy cooperation among Western oil importing nations, diplomatic sources here suggested at the weekend.

The easing of market tension caused by the war between Iran and Iraq was welcomed by diplomats associated with the work of the 21-nation International Energy Agency (IEA).

But privately, some officials voiced fears that this — combined with the new United States administration's failure so far to spell out any comprehensive energy policy — could lead to a loss of momentum in IEA cooperation. "You cannot really talk of American leadership in this field at present," one diplomat said in private.

It is readily recognized in quarters close to the IEA that the Reagan administration's sweeping policy review requires some time. But officials of several IEA delegations do not seem impressed by Washington's decisions so far. "The decontrol of U.S. domestic oil prices will not solve all the problems", an expert commented.

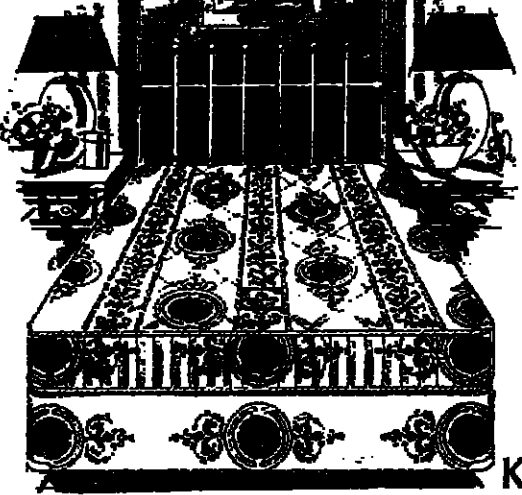
Rivalries between U.S. government departments over responsibility for energy policy, have done little to reassure these quarters. The majority of IEA countries have, meanwhile, agreed on the need for an early ministerial meeting that would focus on long-term efforts to reduce the dependence on imported oil, now that the threat of short-

term supply problems has receded. Dr. Ulf Lantzke, the IEA executive director, said at the weekend that such a meeting has been tentatively set in Paris for June 15, on the eve of the annual ministerial conference of the 24-nation Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). The IEA groups all OECD countries except Finland, France and Iceland. In an interview, Dr. Lantzke said it might be useful for IEA ministers to "reconfirm" agency's agreed long-term cooperation policies. He also warned against reading too much into the reports on the current glut of oil and declining OPEC prices, stressing that OPEC's "spare (export) capacity" could "wiped away from one day to another".

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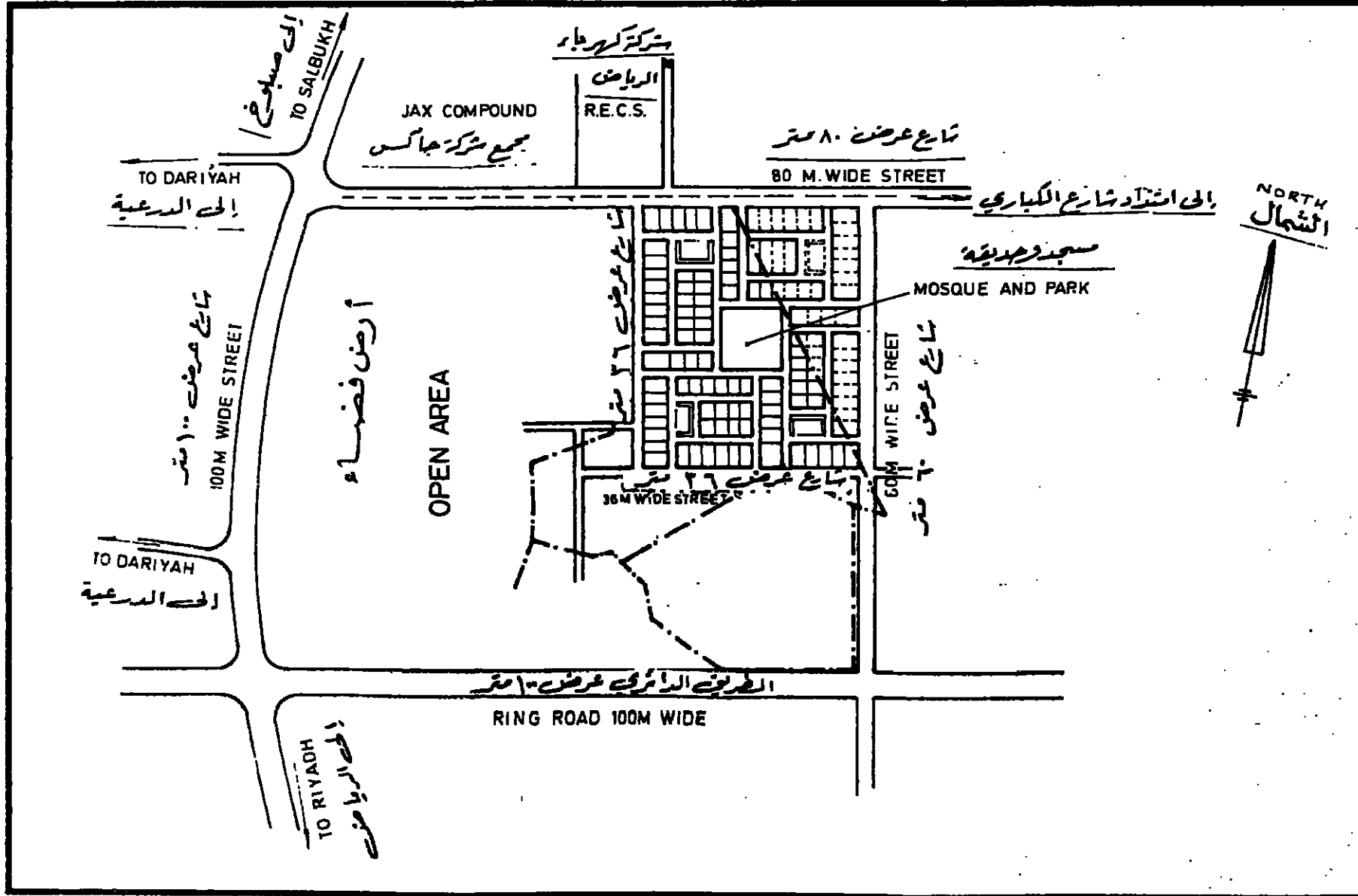
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UNCTAD talks

Izmir group to insist on cotton price pact

GENEVA, April 26 (R) — A group of 18 developing countries exporting cotton will press for an effective international agreement during a one-week United Nations meeting starting Monday, a spokesman for the U.N. Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) said Sunday.

The so-called Izmir group accounting for 33 per cent of world cotton exports is certain to stand firm on its demand for a pact containing measures to stabilize the price of cotton, the spokesman said. However, the United States, the world's largest net exporter with 27 per cent of the trade, as well as Japan, the largest importer with about 20 per cent,

oppose any structure that would interfere with the market evolution of cotton prices.

The Izmir group said at the last preparatory meeting in Geneva in March 1980 that it wanted price stabilization through an international buffer stock or internationally coordinated national stocks of cotton, or a combination of the two.

Under this scheme a buffer stock manager appointed by the International Cotton Council would buy up cotton if the market price fell below a certain level. He would sell an accumulated stock if the price rose above another predetermined point, with the overall intention of keeping the price within agreed limits for the benefit of both users and suppliers.

The Soviet Union, second largest net exporter with 13 per cent of world trade, backs the Izmir group demands, but has suggested a price stabilization scheme of multilateral commitments backed by national stocks. Finland, Norway and Sweden, which together form a small but influential net importer of cotton, have joined the U.S. and Japan in opposing stocking measures. But in an informal proposal to the last session they said an international cotton organization should at least discuss possible solutions to price instability.

"The Izmir group is still very firm about the need for an effective agreement," the UNCTAD spokesman said. "It includes such countries as Chad, for instance, which relies on cotton for 60 per cent of its export earnings." The European Economic Community (EEC), second largest importer after Japan will hold talks in Geneva Monday morning to coordinate the 10 member countries' positions before UNCTAD Commodities Chief Alister McIntyre formally opens the meeting.

About 20 million bales of cotton or 4.25 million tons are traded internationally every year and UNCTAD has designated it one of 18 commodities where the market should be stabilized mainly for the benefit of poorer producer countries.

Riyal deposit rates ease

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, April 26 — With the European markets closed Sunday, the local financial markets had a quiet day as dealers covered temporary cash flow positions and dealt in the Bahrain markets. Riyal deposit rates had eased further by 1/2 per cent in all tenors by the end of the trading day.

Deposit rates opened at 14 1/4 — 14 1/2 per cent levels for one month and Bahrain was quoting 14 1/4 — 14 1/2 in the one year in the morning. By close, the one-month JIBOR rate had fallen to 13 3/4 — 14 1/4 per cent with the one year quoted at 14 — 14 1/2 per cent.

Trading was described as "thin", which meant little significant trading took place. The ease in riyal rates continued to reflect general market nervousness about how dollar interest rates would open on the European markets Monday, as well as uncertainties about the dollar being able to maintain its present strength on the exchanges. 'Spot'

riyal that is the exchange rate of the riyal against the dollar for delivery two days from the deal date) reflected this nervousness and it fell from opening levels of 3.3605 — 15 to 3.3598 — 03.

This showed some selling of dollars. However, in Saudi Arabia local banks — and their Bahrain counterparts — raise riyal liquidity in two ways — by entering the straight deposit market and borrowing funds, or selling dollars and obtaining riyals in return. The fall in the 'spot' rates mentioned above could have been due to some banks generating some riyal liquidity by selling dollars since this would not create a "boomerang" effect of raising short-term and long-term deposit rates if the funds had been borrowed.

Local market dealers expect the dollar to basically open firm Monday and to remain at 2.18 levels against the all-crucial German mark. Sterling is thought to be around 2.16 levels with the Swiss franc possibly bearing the 2.00 barrier against the dollar.

To ease transport

Russia plans airship-tram

MOSCOW, April 26 (AFP) — Scientists here believe that they can solve the transport problems of this vast country with the airship — invented before the Soviet Union was founded. But it will be a modernized and modified version of the kind used before World War I.

Scientists at UFA, in the Urals, envisage an airship-tram which would be three times cheaper than a plane and 15 times more than a helicopter. It would be 30 meters (98 feet) long and powered by three motors linked to an electric cable (powerline) on the ground. Cables would have to be laid along the airship's regular routes, but Ural technicians see no problems here.

They calculate that it would cost 20,000 rubles (about \$15,000) per kilometer, which works out at five times less than a one-kilometer stretch of road. In addition, its cargo capacity would be all that greater because the airship-tram would not have to carry its own fuel. But this is just one idea out

of many others. They spring from the recent call made by Dr. Andre Trofimchuk, a member of the Soviet Academy of Sciences, in a technical magazine for youth that: "We need airships."

Dr. Trofimchuk explained that the airship was economical to operate and did not pollute the atmosphere. He said that it could make a valuable contribution in opening up remote and inaccessible areas in Siberia and the Soviet far east. Roads and railways are often lacking in many parts of Siberia, and in most cases equipment and machinery are air-lifted to the area to be developed, particularly in oil drilling and prospecting.

Libya acquires tanker

BEIRUT, April 26 (R) — Libya has added what it described as the biggest oil tanker in Africa to its merchant fleet, the Libyan news agency Jana said. It did not give the vessel's tonnage, but said it could carry about 1.4 million barrels of oil.

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Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.24	12.21
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Muhammad kayoes Sutherland in ninth

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey, April 26 (R) — Mathew Saad Muhammad of Philadelphia retained his World Boxing Council (WBC) light-heavyweight championship Saturday night, knocking out Scottish-born challenger Murray Sutherland in the ninth round.

Muhammad, defending his title for the seventh time, got off to a sluggish start and fought with a split-lip from the opening round. But he took control in the fifth round and wore out Sutherland.

The challenger, who was born in Edinburgh and now who lives in Bay City, Michigan, caught Muhammad early in the scheduled 15-round fight but ran out of stamina.

After knocking down Sutherland in the

seventh round, Muhammad caught the challenger in the ninth with an over-hand right to the side of his head and followed through with a left hook as he went down.

Referee Paul Venturi of the United States counted Sutherland out at one minute 16 seconds of the round, although the challenger's manager Art Dore said his fighter was up before the 10-count.

It was the 26-year-old Muhammad's second title defence in two months. He stopped Vonzell Johnson in the 11th round of a fight on February 28. He earned \$275,000 for the fight, advancing his record to 30 wins, 14 by knockout, three losses and two draws.

Sutherland, also 26, went into the bout as the WBC's seventh-ranked challenger. He earned \$50,000 as his record fell to 31 wins and four defeats.

Hearns batters Shields

PHOENIX, Arizona, April 26 (AP) — Heavy-hitting Thomas Hearns ripped cuts over both eyes of Randy Shields and retained his World Boxing Association welterweight championship Saturday when the ring doctor stopped the fight at the end of the 12th round.

The battle at the veterans Memorial Coliseum was rough all the way and sometimes dirty with both fighters frequently warned by referee Bobby Ferrara.

Hearns, of Detroit, remained undefeated in 31 bouts and brought even closer a clash with WBC welterweight champion Sugar Ray Leonard for the undisputed 147-pound title.

Hearns cut Shields above the right eye in the eighth round and above the left in the ninth and by the end of the 12th the challenger could not see and agreed with doctor C.D.

Lake's decision to stop the bout.

Shields, from North Hollywood, California, put up a game battle but was far behind in points even before being cut. Hearns, who has stopped 29 of his foes, suffered a cut on the lid of his right eye in the first round but it gave him no trouble.

The champion, making his second defense, used a six-inch reach advantage to jab Shields and set up the challenger for right hands. Despite the heavy hitting, there were no knockdowns as a crowd of about 8,500 watched the scheduled 15 rounder.

Hearns was frequently warned by the referee for wrapping his long left arm around the challenger's neck and trying to pull him closer. Shields whose record went to 38-7-1, was warned for bullying and a low blow.

American League, West Division Kansas City should romp home winners again

By Cynthia Stanley

HOUSTON, April 26 — There is nothing pretty about the American League West Division for the past few years. It has deteriorated into baseball's ugly division, a bona fide 94-pound weakling of the National League race. "Kansas City and the Sick Six" is the title it was known last year.

But a new year brings new hope for the beleaguered AL West. Remodelling projects at California, Chicago and Texas appear to have made those clubs legitimate contenders once again after all three took the gas

last year.

The interesting thing is that Kansas City, the team that cakewalked to the title and eventually into the World Series, didn't improve itself during the off-season, but maybe the Royals didn't need to. Their 97-62 record in 1980 won by a mammoth 14 games.

And the only other team in the division to play over .500, Oakland at 83-79, may be hard pressed to match even that this season.

Kansas City still looks like the biggest contender in the division this year. The everyday lineup the Royals put on the field is probably the best in the game. George Brett is the headliner, but the supporting cast is also marquee caliber. The Swiss never made a watch runs as smoothly as the K.C. infield and the only change-in the outfield is Willie Nelson, the human jet, moving from left center, flip-flopping with Amos Otis.

What the rest of the West hopes is that the Royals will suffer at catcher after the defection of Darrell Porter, and that last year's shocker, Dan Quisenberry, will finally crash-land in the bullpen. The Kansas city pitching staff is thin, which gives the competition in the West some hopes.

The California Angeles will put an awesome lineup on the field every night, but the pitching staff Jim Fregosi is saddled with, they might have to score 11 runs a game to win by one.

Fred Lynn moves into center and Rick Burleson takes over at shortstop, meaning the All-star performers fill two gaping holes. They join the likes of Don Baylor, Bobby Grich, Rod Carew, Danny Ford, Brian Downing and Jason Thompson. But the Angeles must have some miracle from the pitching staff to challenge Kansas City.



GEORGE BRETT, the best bet among the Kansas City outfield.



WILLIE WILSON, the human jet, who should catch the eye for the Royals.

pitcher in the league, is somebody to keep an eye on this season. New Manager Don Zimmer, the seventh manager in ten years for Texas, says Darwin will open the season in the starting rotation and remain there. In other words, no more bullpen work for the right-hander. That means a lot depends on Jim Kern's health, which makes the bullpen a continuing question for the Rangers.

Oakland was a very big surprise last season under Billy Martin, but during the off-season the A's didn't improve their middle in-field defense, nor their bullpen. The starting pitchers, an impressive group, all did iron-man stints last season, but can these arms log all those innings again this year?

The A's outfield is one of baseball's best with Rickey Henderson, Duane Murphy and Tony Armas.

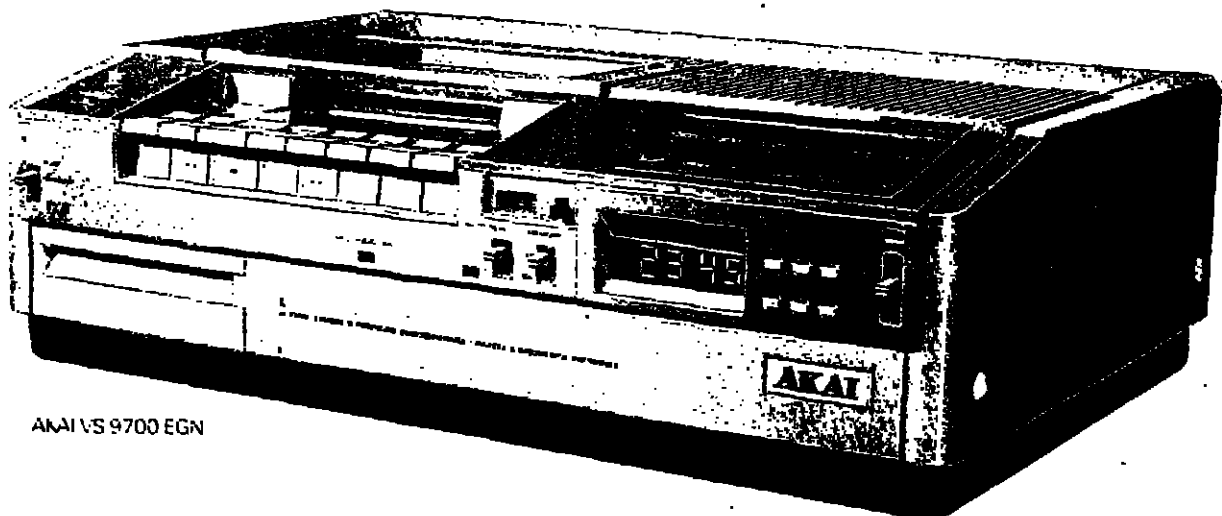
The Chicago White Sox have an excellent young pitching staff, but the team couldn't score and couldn't field last season. The offense should be much improved, what with Carlton Fisk, Ron LeFlore and Greg Luzinski the new additions, but defense will still be a severe problem.

Considering the talent on hand, a 500 season would be excellent for the Minnesota Twins. Tight-wad owner Calvin Griffith did dig deep enough over the winter to sign his two best players, Smalley and catcher Butch Wynegar, to long-term contracts.

The Seattle Mariners appear to have no chance of escaping the cellar, but things should get interesting in that little band box known as the Kingdome. Taking aim at the 357-foot power alleys this season will be Richie Zisk and Jeff Burroughs which means opposing pitchers are going to sweat any appearance in Seattle.

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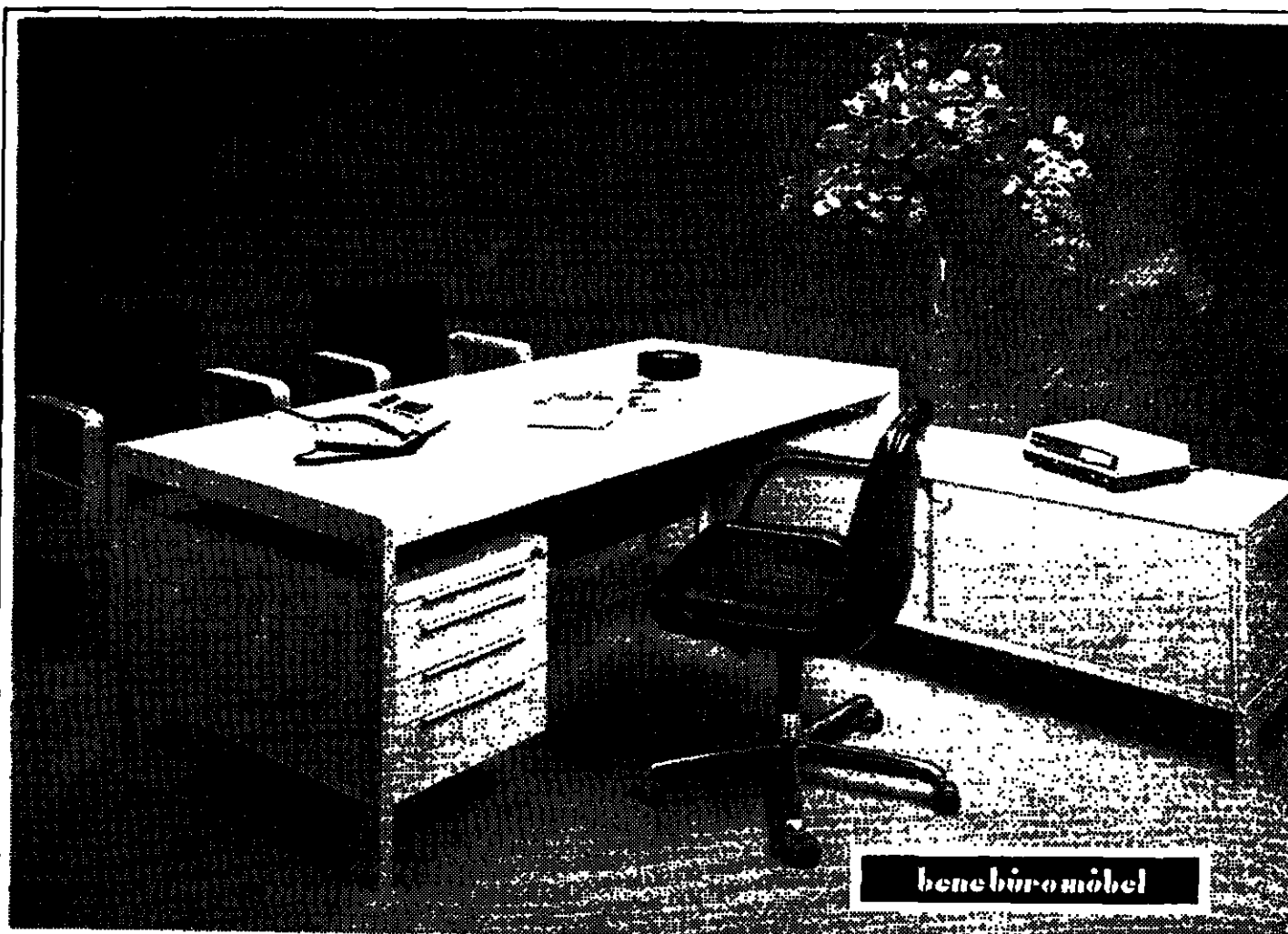
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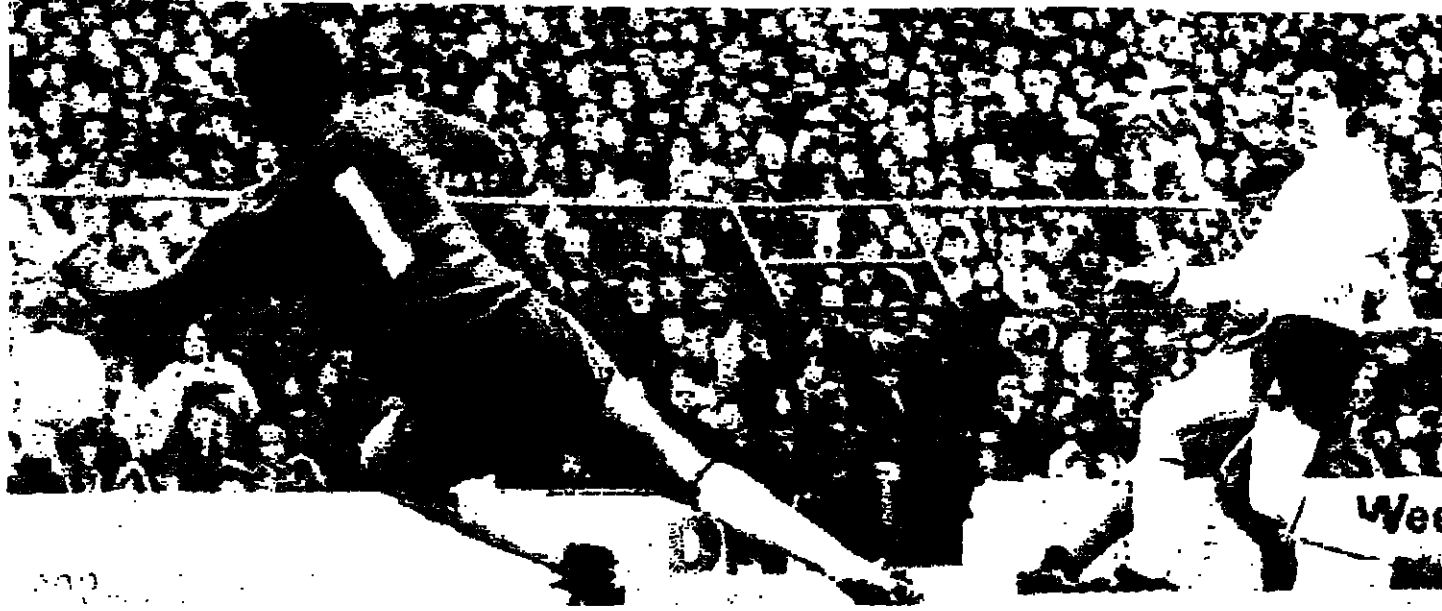
NOVISAD, Yugoslavia, April 26 (AP) — Guo Yuehua beat Cai Zhenhua in four sets to become the new World Table Tennis champion in an all-Chinese final here Sunday. Guo, the runnerup in the last two championships, captured the title by beating Cai 21-14, 17-21, 21-14, 21-16.

The 25-year-old Guo, winner of the first World Cup, dominated the final except for a brief lapse in the second set. Cai, the left-handed 18-year-old, pulled off some spectacular saves away from the table to thrill the crowd, but the experience of his older team-mate made the difference.

Both players attacked furiously in most of the match which lasted just under 40 minutes. Guo was more consistent, made less unforced mistakes and was clearly on top to win the title which has eluded him in the last two championships when he lost the final matches despite being a heavy favorite.

Tong Ling, a 19-year-old defender, captured the women's title by defeating Cao Yanhua in five sets in another all-Chinese final.

Tong Ling, tenaciously fighting off Cao Yanhua's persistent attacks, patiently waited for her opponent's mistakes and clinched the final 21-19, 16-21, 17-21, 21-18, 21-15.



ON TARGET: Howard Giles (hidden behind Tony Galvin) beats Tottenham goalkeeper Mirja Alekic with a stinging shot to put Liverpool ahead. The English First Division match, ended in a 1-1 draw Saturday.

Gray nets late winner

VANCOUVER, British Columbia, April 26 (AP) — Gerry Gray scored with 26 seconds left to give the Vancouver Whitecaps a 1-0 victory over the Minnesota Kicks in a North American Soccer League game Saturday night.

The goal ruined a brilliant goalkeeper performance by Tino Lettici of the Kicks. Lettici made several outstanding saves, especially in the second half when the Whitecaps pressed to break the scoreless tie.

In another match goals by Mike Stojanovic and Julie Veeve propelled the San Diego Sockers to a 2-0 victory over the Los Angeles

Aztecs in San Diego.

Stojanovic scored at 9:50 after the Locezn Hilkes and Gert Wiczorkowski had done the spadework and Veeve connected at 81:41 with assists from Hilkes and Kaz Deyna.

The Aztecs were shut out despite the fact that they outshot the Sockers 25-22. Los Angeles goalkeeper Alfredo Anhielo was credited with 11 saves while San Diego goal-keeper Volkmar Gross was credited with seven saves. San Diego now has a 4-2 record while Los Angeles is 2-3.

Meanwhile, Karl-Heinz Granitza's free kick at 3:20 of the first half stood up in a defensive struggle to give the Chicago Sting a 1-0 victory Saturday over the Tulsa Roughnecks before 6,575 fans in Comiskey Park.

The free kick was awarded by referee Dante Maglio after Johannes Edvaldsson committed a foul just outside the penalty area.

The winning kick went into the upper left-hand corner of the net over and out of reach of goalie Zeljko Belecki.

The victory was the Sting's second in as many meetings this season with Tulsa. It left Chicago with a 2-1 Central Division mark and 15 points. Tulsa is 3-2 in the same bracket with 24 points.

Bad weather hits English Soccer

LONDON, April 26 (AFP) — Bad weather again hit English football Sunday, with two of the three scheduled games being called off, because of snow.

It was a disappointment for Oxford United who were experimenting for the first time with Sunday football in their Third Division match with Millwall, at Manor Road, Oxford.

Heavy rain also caused the postponement of the Rugby League Cup final "rehearsal" between Hull Kingston Rovers and Widnes, at Hull. The two teams, who meet at Wembley next Saturday, were to have played each other in the first round of the premiership Trophy.

In a Second Division match, Orient and Bolton played to a 2-2 draw while Port Vale and Halifax drew goalless in a Fourth Division match.

Nigeria advances

LAGOS, April 26 (R) — Nigeria reached the semifinals of the World Soccer Cup African qualifying competition Saturday when a 1-0 win over Guinea gave them a 2-1 aggregate victory in the third round tie.

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Spain, Cuba in thrilling tie

LONG BEACH, California, April 26 (AP) — The Soviet Union scored a convincing 15-6 victory over Australia and Spain and Cuba played to a 7-7 tie Saturday as the week-long FINA World Water-Polo Cup Competition began at the Belmont Plaza Pool.

Spain took an early 2-0 advantage on goals by Antonio Esteller and Juan Jane. But the Cubans tied it 2-2 at the end of the first period.

Spain and Cuba, the fourth and fifth place finishers at last year's Olympics in Moscow, traded early leads before settling for the tie.

The score was tied 6-6 after three periods and Cuba took a 7-6 lead with 2:50 left in the match on a penalty shot by Jorge Rizo: However, just 16 seconds later, Spain tied it when Jose Alcazar connected on a 12-foot shot past Cuban goalie Juan Dominguez.

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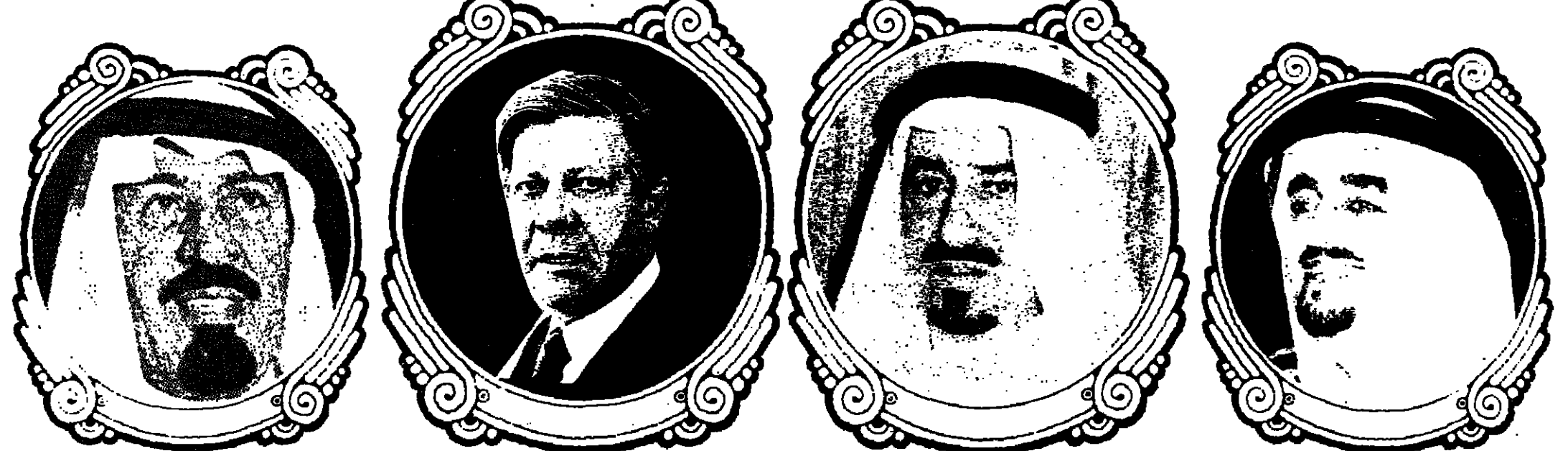
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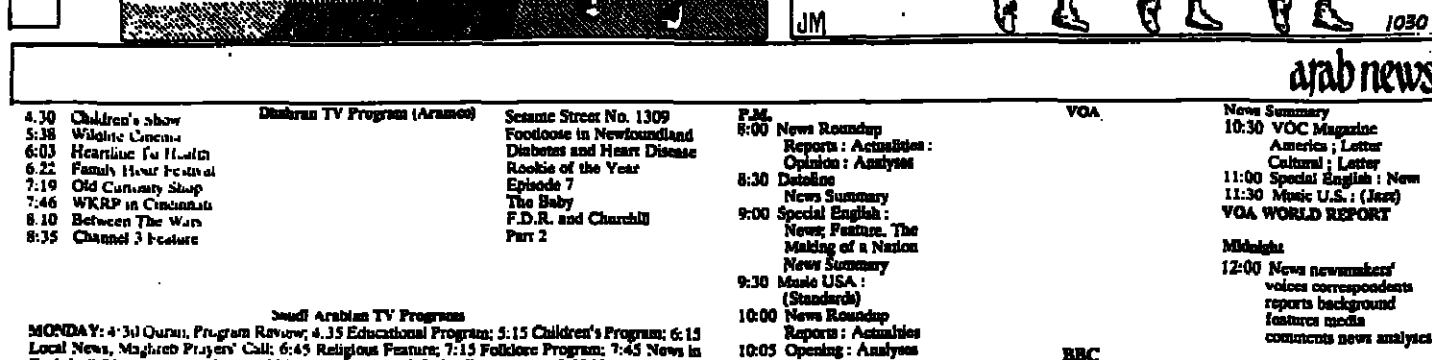
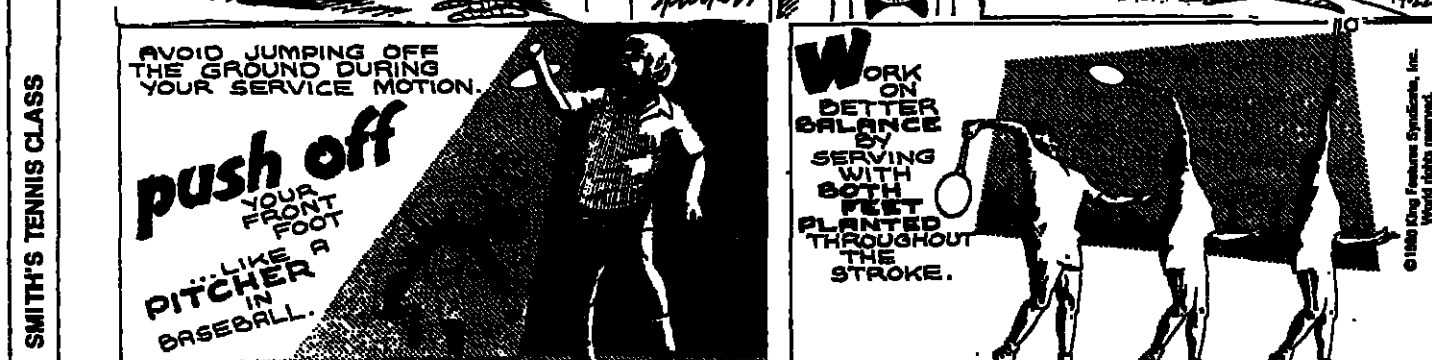
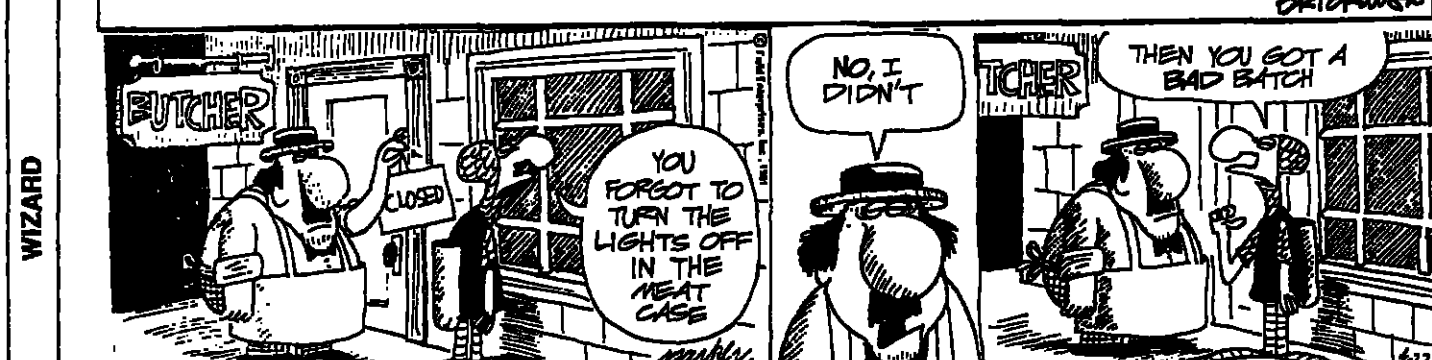
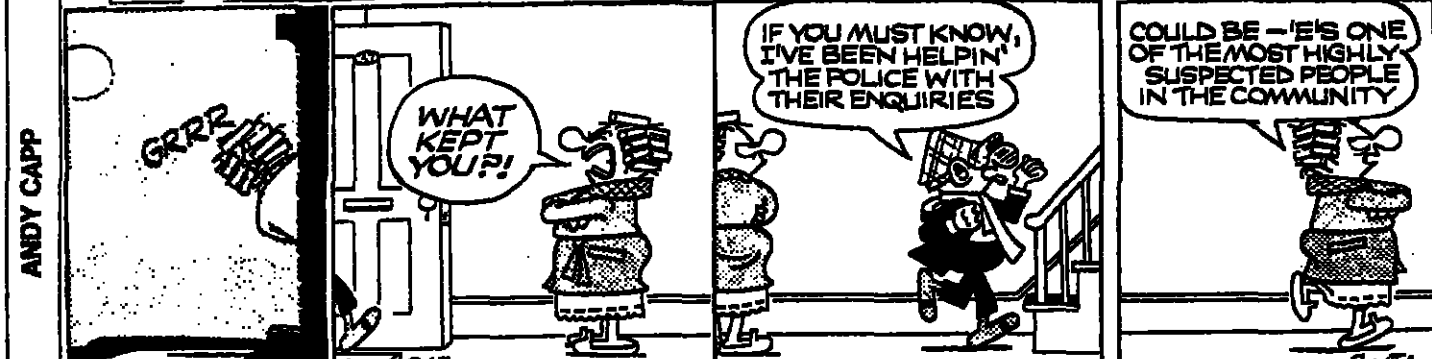
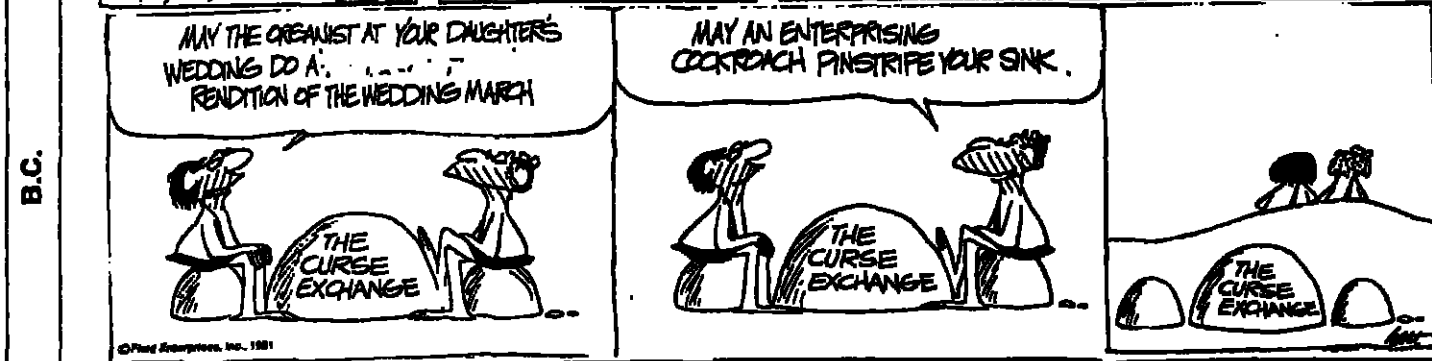
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East realized that South would almost surely make the vulnerable slam, worth 1,430 points, so he bid six spades as a sacrifice. This was doubled and went down only three tricks — 500 points — thus producing a very satisfactory result for the Spingold team.

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 Pass Pass

Here, the Reisinger East did not obtain nearly as much information about the adverse hands as East had gleaned from the bidding at the first table. He passed six hearts, apparently hoping that his preemptive tactics had led the opponents into a shaky six heart contract. Unfortunately for East, this did not prove to be the case. Declarer easily made six hearts, so the Spingold team netted 300 points on the exchange and eliminated the Reisinger team from the tournament.

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 You can have fun without raising important issues. Still, now's the time to talk things out. Evening hours tempt you to extravagance.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
 Disagreements between relatives can find you caught in the middle. Still, you'll be effective in the role of peacemaker and mediator.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
 If you bypass distractions, you'll accomplish much now. Make important phone calls, but don't scatter energies after dark.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
 Good times need not be so expensive. A loved one would enjoy a quiet talk with you. Find out what mental interests you both share.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
 Make important domestic decisions, but home entertainments aren't especially favored. Let reason prevail in emotional situations.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)
 Your tendency is to withdraw into your private dream world. Overcome temperamental and get down to serious mental accomplishments.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)
 Friends prove to be distracting now. Don't waste time and money. Make important calls. You can be most articulate and convincing.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)
 Though your judgment is good on personal matters, you're inclined to take too much for granted careerwise. Keep on top of things.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
 Instead of listening to the opinions of others, you should do some honest soul-searching. Research and private study are favored.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
 You may revise your thinking about a financial matter. Don't let the obsequious behavior of another mar a social occasion.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22)
 You may be pleased about a career matter, but that's no reason to go overboard in celebrating. Don't be fickle in romance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)
 You're caught up in your work, but don't let details keep you from seeing the larger pic-

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 17 Malaysian ape
 18 Seamen's chapel
 20 Business concern
 21 After key
 22 "Picnic" playwright
 23 Our
 26 Avarice
 27 Nose —
 28 College in Iowa
 29 Eng. actor, — Bates
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 35 Humor
 36 Inlet (Sp.)
 37 Region of Spain
 38 Occident
 40 Strait near Alaska
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Cabinet studies visits of Thatcher, Schmidt

RIYADH, April 26 (SPA) — A cabinet meeting, chaired by Crown Prince Fahd Sunday night, reviewed the outcome of the visit of British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher last week. Information Minister Dr. Abdo Yamani said after the two and half hours meeting that the Council of Ministers also discussed the agenda of the visit of Helmut Schmidt, the chancellor of West Germany who arrives here Monday on a three-day visit. Dr. Yamani said the cabinet discussed Saudi Arabian-German bilateral relations and international issues which will come up in the talks with Schmidt. He said that the scientific and technical cooperation agreement with Bonn was approved by the council. The council reviewed telephone projects in some villages and lauded the efforts of Telecommunications Minister Dr. Darwish Alawi Kayal, the minister said. He added that a report on manpower in the Kingdom came under study and that the report was referred to the Higher Manpower Council. Foreign manpower was also discussed and the Crown Prince emphasized the importance of the recruiting foreign workers on the

Schmidt's visit welcomed

RIYADH, April 26 (SPA) — Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani Sunday welcomed the visit of the West German chancellor, Helmut Schmidt to Saudi Arabia. Dr. Yamani told SPA in an interview that the visit has its own special importance and comes within the preview of a series of prominent world leaders visits to the Kingdom that had been aiming at exchanging viewpoints with Saudi leaders on many issues of bilateral interest, mutual cooperation and international issues. He said the Middle East and the Palestine cause would be on the top of the agenda of talks between the West German chancellor and top Saudi leaders. Dr. Yamani described Schmidt's visit at the invitation of Deputy Premier and Crown Prince Fahd as one of the most important visits in the context of West Germany's position in Europe and international economic arena. He said it is also important because of a distinct change of attitude as has been evident by the European initiative for finding a fair and peaceful solution for the Arab-Israeli conflict. He said many changes have taken place since a visit to West Germany paid by King Khalid last year and also the friendly trip of Crown Prince Fahd to this friendly country a year before. Dr. Yamani expressed the Kingdom's appreciation of the positive position adopted by West Germany in the ten-nation Economic European Community regarding the fair Arab causes on issues of the cooperation with the Third World nations.

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statutory deposits, thus relieving the pressure on bank liquidity and enabling them to expand their credit to the private sector. Another development of significant importance for the economy of Saudi Arabia was the establishment of six government-sponsored specialized credit institutions for advancing credit to different sectors of the economy. All of these institutions advance medium or long-term interest-free loans. The most important of these from the point of view of their impact on the development of the private sector have been the Saudi Industrial Development Fund (SIDF) and the Real Estate Development Fund (REDF). The SIDF has so far financed 577 projects with a commitment of SR6.8 billion. By the end of the Second Plan, the SIDF had actually disbursed SR22.5 billion for financing various projects, including SR17.8 billion to electricity companies. The REDF on the other hand, had disbursed SR33 billion by the end of the Second Plan and this infusion of finance helped in the construction of at least 200,000 new houses and apartments during the Second Plan period. The external stability of the riyal posed a challenge because of unstable conditions in the international foreign exchange markets. During the entire decade of the 1960's the riyal remained stable with respect to the dollar. However, when the dollar continued to weaken the Kingdom decided to sever the link of the riyal with the dollar in 1975. Since then the policy has been to stabilize the exchange rate of the riyal with respect to the SDR basket of currencies with a band of 7.25 per cent on either side of the SDR/riyal parity. Adherence to this policy has helped in stabilizing the riyal and in isolating it from erratic movements in the exchange rate of major currencies. In all, the riyal appreciated by about 35 per cent against the dollar over the decade of the seventies. Transport and Communication The transport and communications sector has been nearly revolutionized by rapid developments in response to need. The network of asphalted and rural roads has expanded by 13,148 and 20,699 kilometers to 21,585 and 24,186 kilometers, respectively. In the process, the various parts of the country have become interlinked. This has brought about a swifter and more economical movement of goods. Had it not been for the completion of many important and crucial highways, the heavy movement of goods required for fulfilling demand and removing shortages would have been difficult and inflationary pressures would have been exacerbated. The expansion of the road network in urban areas along with the construction of flyovers and clover-leaf has helped solve the problem of traffic jams. The development of the public transport system has also helped ease traffic on roads and highways. The expansion and improvement of the Dammam-Riyadh railroads has made a valuable contribution toward the movement of goods between the Eastern and the Central provinces. Not only has the number of airports in the Kingdom increased but there has also been a continued expansion and improvement in their services which enabled the handling of millions of passengers over the decade. The airports also handled a large volume of cargo, thus contributing at least partly to an easing of the congestion at the seaports and on the roads. The number of piers at the Kingdom's ports has risen from a handful to 116 and is expected to reach 136 with the completion of the new piers under construction. Cargo unloaded at these ports rose dramatically from less than 2 million tons to about 46 million tons. The heavy congestion experienced at the Kingdom's main ports during 1975-76 was eliminated by the end of 1976 and the freight surcharge which had reached 100 per cent of base freight was gradually reduced and cancelled in February 1977. Agriculture and Water Resources In spite of the arid climate and scarcity of water the Kingdom has made a notable advance in agriculture. The government has built the necessary infrastructure including 50 dams along with irrigation and drainage networks and extensive road systems linking the agricultural areas with the consuming centers. It has also provided the necessary incentives and agricultural extension services. Subsidies have been provided on essential inputs as well as certain outputs. The Agricultural Bank and the Saudi Industrial Development Fund have provided financing for purchasing

farm equipment and establishing food processing industries. Total real value added by agriculture, forestry and fishing has risen over the decade at the rate of about 4.5 per cent per annum. The area where a substantial headway has been made is urban water supply. This has involved the establishment of 16 desalination plants, digging and maintenance of 1,758 wells, and construction or extension of 387 purification plants and distribution networks. The total capacity of the desalination plants has risen to 47.3 million gallons of water per day and 331 megawatts of electricity. Commerce, Industry and Electricity Industrial development in the Kingdom has been satisfactory even though only a small proportion of the country's needs came from domestic production. By the end of 1999, about 838 industrial projects out of 1,638 approved by the government, were in operation. Real value added by the non-oil manufacturing sector rose from SR 431 million in 1389/90 to SR 1,500 million in 1399/1400, a growth of 13 per cent per annum which may be considered a remarkable achievement in a country where, up until recently, private capital was shy to enter the industrial sector, protective tariffs have been used to a minimum extent, and manpower shortages have been discouraging. The major credit goes to the encouragement provided by the government. The Kingdom's industrialization drive is, however being spearheaded by the government through large-scale petrochemical and metallurgical projects of SABIC and the refinery and pipeline projects of Petromin, supported by infrastructure development under the Royal Commission for Jubail and Yanbu. For this purpose the plan provides for an expenditure of SR 25.6 billion by SABIC, SR 27.7 billion by Petromin and SR 45.7 billion by the Royal Commission. SABIC has already concluded final agreements for the construction of five large petrochemical projects, for in Jubail, and one in Yanbu. It has also finalized three major joint-ventures in the metallurgical field. It is expected to conclude further agreements for petrochemical development. The electric utilities sector has accomplished a phenomenal expansion over the decade. Total capacity which was merely 244 megawatts in 1390 rose to 6,527 megawatts in 1400. Total electricity sold rose from a little over half a billion kilowatt hours to 18 billion kilowatt hours. The number of subscribers rose from 200,543 to 824,000 during the decade but sales per customer rose more than seven times from 2,868 kwh to 21,930 kwh. The Third Plan target for electric generating capacity is 15,320 megawatts to meet the demand from 1.3 million subscribers. Education and Health In keeping with the Islamic teaching the government has given great importance to education and technical skills. It is the government's objective to make educational facilities available free of charge to all children, and to eliminate illiteracy through adult education. The government is, however, concerned not only with the number of schools

unity and territorial integrity." Middle East experts said this probably indicated that Sheikh Sabah had won some expression of Soviet support for his country's proposal to act as host for a conference of warring sides in the Lebanese conflict. The communiqué said the talks had stown a "proximity" of views on ways of ensuring peace and security in the Gulf area. The use of the word "proximity" rather than "identity" indicated the wide difference of opinion between the two sides in spite of agreement on some points. 2 Israeli in the Middle East. Right-wing Christian Phalangist radio said that the ridge had come under heavy artillery fire from Syrian forces attacking Lebanese conservative Christian militia. The People's National Social Party, which included some Lebanese Christian elements, reportedly helped the Syrians in the fighting. A party official, Antoun Khalil, said: "I am a Maronite Christian, and parts of our forces are Christian. No one has a monopoly on representing Christians, but we are fighting for a non-sectarian Lebanon and against any form of partition imposed by Americans and Israelis."

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and the size of enrolment but also with the quality of education, and curricula are being continuously revised and streamlined accordingly. The number of schools has trebled over the decade from 2,422 in 1389/90 to 7,575 in 1399/1400, and so has the number of university faculties, from 18 to 54. The number of students at all levels of education as risen from about half a million to 1.5 million. Health facilities have also expanded considerably in keeping with the government's policy of providing medical care free to those in need. The number of hospitals has increased from 47 to 70, and of hospital beds from 6,787 to 12,525. In addition to these there are dispensaries and health centers, the number of which has risen from 492 to 825. Other government ministries (Education, Defense and Interior) and departments (National Guards, Red Crescent and King Fahal Specialist Hospital) provided health facilities which are not included in the above figures. The government is conscious of the inadequacy of health facilities in the country and great emphasis has been given to this sector in the Third Plan which proposes to increase the number of hospital beds to 2.2 per 1,000 citizens. Toward this end the ministry of health plans to establish 36 new hospitals with 7,550 beds, and 300 centers for primary medical care. The Third Development Plan The Third Plan for the five-year period 1400/01 to 1404/05 (1980/81-1984/85) places principal emphasis on: (1) Developing the productive sectors of the economy to reduce the country's heavy dependence on oil exports and (2) effectively increasing the productivity of Saudi Arabia manpower to reduce the dependence on expatriate labor. As compared with this, the major emphasis of the first two plans was on building the basic infrastructures to remove bottlenecks and to increase the country's absorptive capacity. The total spending envisaged during the Third Plan period is SR 783 billion for the public sector, excluding transfer payments, foreign aid and national defense of this total, development spending will be SR 702 billion or about 90 per cent, and the balance of about 10 per cent will be for administration, local subsidies and contingency reserves. It may be concluded that over the decade of the first two plans, the Kingdom has crossed a number of crucial landmarks in its recent economic history. Per capita real income has more than doubled and the standard of living of all sectors of the population has improved considerably. Most of basic amenities of life have become generally available. The infrastructure has been nearly completed, and the productive sectors have been significantly activated. The frustrating bottlenecks experienced around the middle of the decade have been almost eliminated and it is hoped that the implementation of the Third Plan will progress more smoothly.

Good Morning

By Jihad Al Khazzen

The American press has been riding high these last few years. The Watergate affair showed how even a president could be stalked and then successfully scalped by the newspapers. The Jimmy Carter Administration also had to surrender a few senior officials as sacrifice to appease the press. But now the tide is on the turn. Or, at least this is what the Reagan Administration would like to see. The incumbent is no darling of the national press, and the press, it appears, is not exactly the apple of his eyes. In fact he has already commissioned a report on how to cut the press down to size, and the recommendations are bound to drive editors to despair. Television, the report says, ought to be simply cold-shouldered. "Fraternization" between White House staff and journalists is to cease. And journalists seeking information will be given just that: reams and reams of statistics and abstract data of all sorts. No comments or anything like that. Just abstract technicalities which only the experts can make head or tail of. The American press, one is certain, is already preparing its countermeasures. But what came most to mind as I read the reports from America was how lucky the press there is, how successful it is, so that those in power see the need to take it down a peg. As to the press in our lands... Translated from Ashragh Al Awsat

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